REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS HARWICH 1898

Lucritia D. Clark.
Grade VI.

Auditors

1887 B.F. Bee Geo W. Nickerson, 1890 Emulous Small Albert D. Long
1891 E.L. Jerauld Geo. T. Bassett, 1892 Emulous Small Joseph K Robbins
1896 Jos. N Atkins Wm F Sears, 1898 Prince A. Atkins John E Hamer.
1899 Jas. M Moody T.B. Baker Jr, 1902 Benj. Sears, 1904 Jos K. Robbins
1905 Arthur F Cahoon 1907 Benj. C Kelley 1908 Lewis B Phillips 1909 Levi Snow.

Constables

1885. Elbridge G Doane Michael B Chase John Oliver 1886 Mark H. Nickerson 1887 Richard L Baker 1888 Michael B Chase Joseph Ashley, 1889 Jona Buck, 1890 Jos. Ashley, 1893 Jos. Ashley 1895 Jos. M. Walker, 1896 Roland F. Smith, 1898 Chas. D Chase 1899 Elisha H. Bearse, 1901 Wm H Bassett 1902 John T. Wood 1903 Wm H Bassett 1904 Laban Snow, Roland F Smith 1905 Elisha H. Bearse, 1906 Spencer P. Ellis, 1908 Laban Snow.

Herring Com.

1892 Henry C Berry Freeman Ryder, Geo D. Smalley 1895 John E Ryder 1897 Franklin D Underwood 1898 Jos. M. Atkins 1902 Emulous A Cahoon, 1904 Anthony H Ryder, 1905 H. C Berry 1906 Osmyn Berry 1906 Martin L. Robbins, 1908 Marshall E. Chase 1909 Emulous Hall

Collectors

1885 Thomas Ellis Gershom Hall, 1888 Patrick Kelley 1889 Ezra Eldridge 1890 Allen S Mezathlin 1891 Martin L. Chase, Gershom Hall. 1892. Chas. H. Kelley 1893 P. Kelley Gershom Hall, 1894 Ezra Eldridge 1896 Allen S Mezathlin Chas. D Hall, 1898 Coleman Kelley 1907 Isaac B Kendrick A. H. Watson 1908 Chas. D Hall

School Com

1888 S. A Hayward Geo T Bassett Geo W. Nickerson 1889 Geo N. Munsell 1890 Benj. F Sears 1891 Albert D. Long 1892 Chas E. Brett Jr. 1893 Warren J Nickerson 1894 Sylvanus A Hayward 1895 Geo. N. Munsell 1899 Wm F Sears 1900 Dm Nickerson Jr Thos H. Nickerson 1903 F.D. Underwood 1905 John P. Nickerson 1906 Arthur F Cahoon 1908 Clearie H Cahoon 1909 Joseph B Atkins

Town Officers'

ANNUAL REPORT

.....FOR THE.....

Town of Harwich,

...Year of...

1898.

HARWICH, MASS.
ALTON P. GOSS, STEAM PRINTER.
1899.

HARWICH INCORPORATED SEPTEMBER 14, 1694.

Population by State Census, 1895, 2534.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1898.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

J. H. Paine.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor and Board of Health.

D. M. Nickerson, Jr., David L. Small, Ambrose N. Doane.

School Committee.

Warren J. Nickerson,	Term Expires 1899
S. A. Hayward,	" " 1900
George N. Munsell, M. D.,	" " 1901

Herring Committee.

Freeman Ryder, John E. Ryder, J. N. Atkins.

Auditors.

Prince A. Atkins, John E. Hamer.

Constables.

Michael B. Chase, Roland F. Smith, Charles D. Chase.

Registrars of Voters.

J. H. Paine, Town Clerk, Ex Officio,

Levi Snow,	Term Expires 1899
Ensign L. Jerauld,	" " 1900
Martin L. Chase,	" " 1901

Collectors of Taxes.

Allen S. Megathlin,	East Section.
Coleman Kelley,	West Section.

Report.

To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

We herewith submit to you the Annual Report of the business transactions of the Town of Harwich for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1898.

For support of poor in Almshouse,	$1200.00
" " " " out of Almshouse,	1300.00
" " " Insane in Asylums,	850.00
" Board of Health,	50.00
" Repairs of Buildings,	200.00
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	800.00
" Town Officers,	1000.00
" Suppression of Crime,	100.00
" Note at Bank,	1000.00
" State Aid,	1400.00
" Tax Abatements,	300.00
" Roads,	2000.00
" Bridges,	200.00
" Clearing Snow,	100.00
" Schools,	5000.00
" School Books and Supplies,	300.00
" School Superintendent.	150.00
" Repairs on Schoolrooms and Incidentals,	150.00
" Salt Water Pond Improvement,	200.00
" North Harwich Cemetery,	75.00
" Emulous A. Cahoon, Reimbursement,	25.00
" Note No. 2 payable Jan. 6, 1899, Iron Bridge,	500.00
" Memorial Day,	50.00
	$16950.00

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Supplies for Almshouse.

Paid Albert Hall as Keeper,				$250.00
" " "	for supplies,			120.91
" Samuel Moody,	"	"		31.29
" Kendrick & Bearse,	"	"		22.00
" W. B. Kelley,	"	"		20.75
" J. Raymond & Co.,	"	"		20.60
" Young Bros.,	"	"		25.28
" Orin S. Mecarta,	"	"		4.50
" Alpheus Howes,	"	"		21.08
" E. L. Stokes,	"	"		50.30
" F. W. Baker,	"	"		26.85
" Moses Handren,	"	"		15.00
" Kesiah Paine,	"	"		15.00
" V. D. Nickerson,	"	"	1897,	1.05
" A. H. Bassett,	"	"		26.31
" S. K. Sears,	"	"		12.18
" Erastus Chase,	"	"		27.60
" H. W. Bassett,	"	"	1897,	6.24
" " " "	"	"	1898,	65.30
" T. R. Eldridge,	"	"	1897,	7.31
" " " "	"	"	1898,	71.83
" Ahira S. Chase,	"	"		4.50
" A. E. Weekes,	"	"		45.21
" S. A. Ellis,	"	"		70.98
" J. F. Tobey,	"	"		46.07
" J. Burgess,	"	"		17.50
" R. W. McGran,	"	"		5.95
" Ross G. Chase,	"	"		5.50
" N. B. Walker,	"	"		6.00
" S. K. Crowell,	"	"		3.95
" Levi Snow,	"	"		2.25
" W. E. Nickerson,	"	"		45.91
" S. T. Nickerson,	"	"		6.00
" C. E. Hamer & Co.,	"	"		4.49

Paid Benj. F. Eldridge, 1st,	for	supplies	$ 4.50
" C. E. Brett,	"	"	3.75
" E. B. Rogers,	"	"	22.90
" E. Mayo,	"	"	2.75
" Henry C. Robbins,	"	"	25.72
" Charles W. Dunton,	"	"	3.50
" Cornelius Eldridge,	"	"	2.50
" J. K. Robbins,	"	"	8.50
" C. S. Hunt,	"	"	10.06
" Davis Lothrop,	"	"	21.06
" S. H. Moody,	"	"	3.35
" J. F. Small,	"	"	1.50
" J. O. Hulse, Jr.,	"	"	29.63
" T. F. & Z. H. Small,	"	"	3.00
" J. Drum,	"	"	5.50
" S. J. Miles,	"	"	16.72
" S. B. Kelley,	"	"	23.34
			$1293.97
Appropriation,			1200.00
Exceeded appropriation,			$ 93.97
(Cr. See Treasurer's Report, $21.36.)			

Supplies to Poor out of Almshouse.

Matthew Allen :—		
S. Moody, supplies,	$ 1.25	
H. F. Washburn, Taunton, burial expenses,	7.00	
Levi Long, burial,	21.00	
A. N. Doane, express on body,	5.00	
Taunton Insane Asylum, burial,	1.92	$ 36.17

Charles W. Allen :—

F. W. Cahoon,	supplies,	$ .35	
F. E. Burgess,	"	2.00	
S. H. Moody,	"	1.50	
A. N. Doane,	"	1.03	
E. Mayo,	"	1.50	
J. F. Small,	"	1.65	
Everett W. Eldridge,	"	4.60	
L. Edmonds, medical aid,		1.00——	$13.63

Refunded by Town of Barnstable $8.25.

Maria Allen :—

H. S. Kelley, medical aid, 1897,		14.00

William H. Burnham and family :—

Town of Rochester, aid for 1897,	$12.75	
" " " " " 1898,	18.37——	31.12

Eben Cahoon and family :—

Town of Barnstable, aid for 1897,		88.73

George H. O'Brien and family :—

C. M. Underwood, supplies,	$2.01	
L. Edmonds, medical aid,	1.00	
Henry C. Robbins, supplies,	1.00	
Watson F. Baker, "	2.00	
H. W. Bassett, "	2.00——	8.01

Arthur F. Nickerson's family :—

Warren E. Nickerson, supplies,		3.33

Joseph G. Chase's family :—

S. Moody, supplies,	$15.60	
A. Howes, "	5.75	
J. F. Tobey, "	5.73	
J. K. Robbins, "	4.25——	31.33

Leonard Burnham and family :—

Town of Rochester, medical aid,		6.00

Alexander Chase, North Harwich :—		
E. B. Rogers, supplies,	$60.52	
L. Edmonds, M. D., med. supplies,	5.00	
G. Robbins, cleaning house,	6.45	
J. F. Small, supplies,	1.40——	$73.37
Manuel Gracia and family :—		
H. W. Bassett, supplies,	$16.00	
Overseers of the Poor, cash,	1.00	
J. F. Tobey, supplies,	6.00	
Warren E. Nickerson, supplies,	10.08	
A. H. Bassett, supplies,	21.00	
L. Edmonds, ex. medical supplies,	1.50	
S. Moody, supplies,	1.50——	57.08
Hittie C. Hunt :—		
Overseers of the Poor, aid,		48.00
Idella M. Higgins :—		
S. B. Kelley, supplies,	$ 4.22	
J. O. Hulse, Jr., "	11.95	
S. J. Miles, "	3.00	
Overseers of Poor, "	28.00——	47.17
Herbert N. Handy and family :—		
Town of Dennis, supplies, 1897,		8.25
Aldenia Eldridge :—		
Town of Chatham, aid, 1897,	$78.00	
" " " " 1898,	19.29	
B. D. Eldridge, med. supplies, '98,	17.88——	115.17
Heman Nickerson :—		
Town of Dennis, supplies for '97,	$51.08	
" " " " " '98	70.63——	121.71
Lydia Robbins :—		
Town of Chatham, aid, 1897,		39.00

Luke Kelly :—			
Levi Long, burial supplies,			$ 18.00
Eliza E. Ellis :—			
J. Raymond & Co., supplies,		$17.53	
Henry C. Robbins, "	1897,	4.00	
" " " "	1898,	53.83	
Horatio S. Kelley, M. D., medical supplies for 1898,		39.19——	114.55
Curtis Higgins' family :—			
J. Raymond & Co., supplies,		$11.26	
Davis Lothrop, "		17.03	
Henry C. Robbins, "		13.52	
Overseers of the Poor,		34.00——	75.81
Mrs. T. Farris :—			
J. Raymond & Co., supplies,		$ 3.63	
Henry C. Robbins, "		2.00——	5.63
Abbie Robinson :—			
Overseers of the Poor,			40.00
Hulda Shute :—			
J. Raymond & Co., supplies,			5.56
Love A. Thomas :—			
Town of Nantucket, aid,			13.50
James Sanders' family :—			
J. F. Tobey, supplies,		$ 1.00	
W. H. Underwood, supplies, Refunded.		.50——	1.50
Melvin E. Bassett :—			
City of Boston, supplies,			9.00
Joseph L. Crabe and family :—			
L. Edmonds, M.D., "Confinement,"		$10.00	
" " " " med. supplies,		1.75	
Phebe Hall, nursing,		47.28——	59.03

Edwin L. Chase :—			
Overseers of the Poor, aid,			$ 52.00
Mrs. David A. Thomas :—			
Town of Provincetown, med. aid,			59.00
Nellie L. Burgess :—			
Asa L. Jones, burial expenses,		$15.00	
Albert G. Parker, digging grave,		2.00	17.00
Benj. T. Phillips and family :—			
Town of Yarmouth, supplies for '97,			19.25
Brown Simmons and family :—			
J. Raymond & Co.,	supplies,	$10.88	
J. O. Hulse, Jr.,	"	52.21	
Davis Lothrop,	"	37.95	
S. H. Moody,	"	3.75	104.79
About one-fourth to be refunded by State.			
Jerry O'Brien and family :—			
J. Raymond & Co.,	supplies,	$31.39	
Davis Lothrop,	"	64.74	
E. Mayo,	"	3.70	
Elisha Snow,	"	3.00	
J. A. Baker,	"	4.50	
T. L. Snow,	"	12.00	
James H. Eldridge,	"	3.00	
T. F. & Z. H. Small,	"	4.50	
Erastus Chase,	"	2.25	129.08
About one-half to be refunded by State.			
Joanna Allen :—			
W. B. Kelley,	supplies,	$20.93	
F. A. Small,	"	2.00	
J. O. Hulse, Jr.,	" '97,	5.00	
" " " "	" '98,	14.00	
S. B. Kelley,	"	21.54	
Chas. H. Taylor, 2d,	"	1.25	
David A. Eldridge,	"	4.00	

A. P. Doane,	Supplies,	$ 1.86	
Geo. D. Smalley,	"	2.03	
T. Mulchay,	"	1.00	
J. G. Chase,	"	1.57	
S. K. Sears,	"	4.98	
S. H. Moody,	"	1.25	
Dean N. Eldridge,	"	5.00	
L. Edmonds, M. D., ex. med. aid,		2.15	
Phillip Barrows, supplies,		6.50	
Overseers of the Poor,		28.90	123.96
			$1589.73
Appropriation,			1300.00
Exceeded appropriation,			$289.73
Cr. To be refunded by State,		$90.73	
"		1.50	
		$92.23	

Poor of Other Towns and Cities.

Gowell Chase (New Bedford) :—			
Overseers of the Poor, cash,			$96.00
Lydia Chipman (Boston) :—			
J. Raymond & Co.,	supplies,	$ 3.63	
Warren E. Nickerson,	"	6.21	9.84
Josie P. Holway (Yarmouth) :—			
Overseers of the Poor, cash,		$ 6.00	
W. B. Kelley, supplies,		7.13	
O. S. Mecarta,	"	2.25	
S. B. Kelley,	" 1897,	4.24	
" " "	" 1898,	11.82	31.44

Mabel Lee Pierce (Sandwich) :—		
C. S. Hunt, supplies,	$1.40	
S. Moody, "	1.25——	$ 2.65
Hulda Long (Wareham) :—		
L. Edmonds, M. D., medical aid,		1.50
Eliza Harding (Chatham) :—		
S. K. Sears, supplies,		2.50
John W. Dean (Dennis) :—		
L. Edmonds, M. D., surgical aid,		13.00
Edwin Jenkins (Falmouth) :—		
S. B. Kelley, supplies for '97,	$ 4.22	
" " " " " '98,	51.39	
J. Raymond & Co., "	3.88	
S. J. Miles, "	10.00	
L. Edmonds, M. D., medical aid,	10.25	
W. B. Kelley. supplies,	1.81——	81.55
Elmer Baxter's child (Dennis) :—		
Geo. N. Munsell, M. D., medical aid,		4.50
		$242.98

No appropriation.
(To be refunded.)

State Paupers.

J. O'Brien :—	
L. Edmonds, M. D., med. aid and medicines,	$58.25

Brown Simmons :—
G. N. Munsell, M.D., med. aid, 97, $ 4.00
" " " " " " 98, 17.00—— $ 21.00

Perpeta Pena :—
Geo. N. Munsell, M. D., med. aid, 19.75

Annie Gonsalves (child Mary) :—
L. Edmonds, M. D., med. aid, 13.00

Mary Silva :—
L. Edmonds, M. D., med. aid, 2.75

$114.75

No appropriation.
To be refunded by the State.

Support of Insane.

Nellie M. Stone :—		
Worcester Asylum,	$141.59	
Burial expenses,	21.65	$163.24
($7.90 refunded. See Treas. Report.)		
Thankful W. Chase, Worcester Asylum,		169.48
Nathan H. Nickerson, Taunton "		169.46
Pliny P. Doane, " " (Mostly refunded. See Treas Report.)		133.71
Matthew Allen, " "		152.29
Augustus S. Pratt, " "		160.24
		$948.42
Appropriation,		850.00
Exceeded appropriation,		$ 98.42

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

W. B. Kelley, rent for Social Hall, 1897,	$ 5 00
A. P. Goss, printing Town and School Reports, '97,	157.90
A. P. Goss, printing, adv. notices, office supplies,	91.27
H. H. Murphy, police services, 1897,	4.00
S. B. Moody, office furniture,	3.00
T. C. Day, services and travelling expenses at Grade Crossing Hearings,	56.00
L. Edmonds, M. D., salary as Town Doctor, '98,	75.00
D. M. Nickerson, Jr., services at Grade Crossing Hearings,	10.00
Albert Hall, services as keeper of lock up,	3.00
B. F. Bee, printing town orders,	3.75
Roland F. Smith, serving warrant, Special Election,	4.80
C. E. Brett, use of hall, and postage stamps,	12.00
A. F. Sherman, for book of Abstract of Titles,	15.00
M. E. Nickerson, labor on S. E. bound stone,	.50
Est. Chester Snow, use of Exchange, twice, '97,	70.00
Est. Chester Snow, use of Exchange, four times, '98,	140.00
Richard S. Gage, police services,	2.00
William W. Chase, fish warden, 1897,	5.00
Isaiah D. Ellis, " " "	5.00
S. Hobbs & Co., office supplies,	.95
William H. Bassett, executing Dog Warrant and police services,	7.00
Overseers of Poor, telegrams on account of paupers,	1.47
Michael B. Chase, serving Election Warrants, etc.,	13.00
Freeman Ryder, services as Herring Committee,	10.00
John E. Ryder, " " " "	10.00
J. N. Atkins, " " " "	1.00
Levi Long, 17 trips with hearse,	21.25
Asa L. Jones, 29 trips with hearse,	36.25
Ensign Rogers, special police,	2.50
Benjamin W. Doane, special police,	2.50
Town officers, postage stamps,	2.08
Travelling expenses Selectmen and Overseers of Poor,	82.17
	$853.39
Appropriation,	800.00
Exceeded appropriation,	$ 53.39

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ELECTION OFFICERS.

Edgar F. Bassett, repairing booths and railings,	$ 3.00
W. B. Kelley, services as Moderator, 2 days,	10.00
J. O. Hulse, Jr., services as election officer, '97,	2.50
Asa L. Jones, " " " " '98,	1.25
Willie L. Cole, " " " " "	2.50
Michael B. Chase, " " " " "	5.00
Edward C. Chase, " " " " "	2.50
T. B. Baker, Jr., " " " " "	1.25
Miron W. Rogers, " " " " "	5.00
Freeman E. Ellis, labor on booths and railing,	4.00
B. F. Robbins, labor on booths and railing,	.50
Chas. W. Hayden, services as election officer, "	1.25
Osmyn Berry, " " " " "	2.50
U. D. Phillips, " " " " "	2.50
J. K. Robbins, " " " " "	2.50
Sherman F. Bassett " " " " "	1.25
Charles D. Chase, " " " " "	2.50
J. H. Drum. " " " " "	1.25
George T. Bassett. " " " " "	2.50
Geo. E. Nickerson. " " " " "	2.50
	$56.25

No appropriation.

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

J. A. Baker, Inspector of Cattle and Provision from March 1, 1897, to March 1, 1898.	$ 50.00
J. N. Atkins, services as Auditor and settlement with Treas., 1897,	5.00
W. F. Sears, services as Auditor and settlement with Treasurer, 1897,	5.00
E. N. Jerauld, services as Registrar of Voters, '98,	8.75
Levi Snow, " " " " " "	18.75
Martin L. Chase, " " " " " "	18.75
J. H. Paine, " " " " " "	18.75

G. N. Munsell, services as School Committee,	$ 47.50
S. A. Hayward, " " " "	47.75
W. J. Nickerson, " " " "	41.50
Charles D. Hall, commission for collecting taxes of 1896,	287.56
Allen S. Megathlin, commission for collecting taxes of 1896,	199.53
Asa L. Jones, services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, etc., one month,	25.00
Ambrose N. Doane, services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor, member of Board of Health, 11 mos., including horse hire,	223.83
David L. Small, services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor, member of Board of Health, 12 mos., including horse hire,	230.49
D. M. Nickerson, Jr., services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, Assessor, member of Board of Health, 12 mos., including horse hire,	224.50
	$1452.66
Appropriation,	1000.00
Exceeded appropriation,	$452.66

FIRE WARDS.

B. F. Hall,	$15.40
B. H. Bassett,	2.00
U. D. Phillips,	.30
George Cummings,	2.00
William P. Nichols,	5.10
	$24.80

No appropriation.

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

James B. Eldridge, Harwich Port school-house.	$ 1.30
C. E. Hamer & Co., almshouse,	1.65
W. B. Kelley, North Harwich school-house,	51 64
W. B. Kelley, Pleasant Lake school-house,	48.99
Prince E. Hall, labor, No. Harwich school-house,	21.25
Shadrach Kelley, " " " "	21.45
Joseph W. Bassett, " Pleasant Lake "	33.25
Chas. A. Eldridge, " East Harwich "	7.95
Roland F. Smith, labor, No. Harwich, (house of Town)	7.50
S. Herbert Ellis, labor, almshouse,	5.00
	$199 98

Appropriation,	$200.00
Expended,	199.98
Unexpended,	$ .02

SUPRESSION OF CRIME.

Appropriation,	$100.00
Unexpended,	$100.00

STATE AID.

Paid under Chapter 301, Acts of 1894, to Beneficiaries,	$1383.00
Paid under Chapter 561, Acts of 1898, to Beneficiary,	32.00
	$1415.00
Appropriation,	1400.00
Exceeded appropriation,	$15.00

To be refunded by State, $1415.00.

GRADE CROSSING.

Obed E. Nickerson, land damage,		$30.00
No appropriation.		

SALT WATER POND OUTLET.

On account Public Health and Shell Fisheries.

Emulous Small, Agent.

Harvey C. Phillips,	labor,	$8.85
E. W. Freeman,	"	3.20
Oliver F. Kelley,	"	4.70
Albert N. Crowell,	"	8.94
Joshua D. Allen, Jr.,	"	16.85
Erastus E. Snow,	"	1.00
George B. Taylor,	"	4.25
Walter I. Paine,	"	1.20
David A. Eldridge,	"	25.30
Watson B. Kelley, stock,		14.12
Frank H. Freeman,	"	9.90
S. J. Miles, stock,		2.52
Ezekiel Nickerson,	"	3.90
B. F. Eldridge, 1st,	"	46.60
Everett L. Ellis,	"	18.00
Chas. H. Taylor, 2d,	"	24.80
Levi F. Long,	"	1.55
Ensign Rogers,	"	4.00
Elisha H. Bearse,	"	.85
		$200.53
Appropriation,		200.00
Exceeded appropriation,		$ .53

REIMBURSEMENT.

Emulous A. Cahoon, reimbursement,		$25.00
Appropriation,		25.00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Asa L. Jones, G. A. R., Post 141,		$50.00
Appropriation,		50.00

NORTH HARWICH CEMETERY.

Joshua S. Baker, Treasurer,		$75.00
Appropriation,		75.00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

G. N. Munsell, M. D., Agent, services,		$1.00
Appropriation,	$50.00	
Expended,	1.00	
Unexpended,	$49.00	

TAX ABATEMENTS.

Abatements of 1896.

Sidney A. Ellis, no personal property,	$ 1.45
Charles H. Phillips, disability,	4.76
Benjamin Bassett, poll tax paid in Lynn,	2.00
Nathan Ellis, disability,	13.50
George B. Chase, inability,	14.65
Heirs of E. Mayo and Nelson Chase, cannot find,	2.50
Heirs of Elijah Chase, inability,	6.52
George A. Hentz, sickness,	2.43
Edwin L. Jeraulds, abated,	1.74
E. Willie Freeman, abated,	2.00
James Chalders, dead,	3.29
Allen W. Crabe, taxed in Falmouth,	2.44
Joseph H. Chase, out of town,	2.00
Frank H. Chase, " " "	2.00
Joseph H. Cahoon, " " "	2.00
Benj. F. Chase, " " "	3.73
James E. Crabe, " " "	2.00
Henry S. Doane, " " "	2.00
Louis Deas, non-resident,	2.00
Hope D. Eldridge, exempt by law,	3.17
Heirs of Joseph Gorham, taxed to other parties,	.87
Benj. Gage, out of town,	2.00
Isaiah Kelley, Jr., " " "	2.00
Frank B. Rogers, " " "	2.00
James H. Ryder, " " "	2.00
Heirs of Theop. Snow, no property,	3.29
Willis H. Studley, out of town,	2.00
Heirs of A. C. Snow, no property,	1.59
Martin I. Thompson, tax paid in Dennis,	2.00
Francis A. Weekes, inability,	4.17
Solomon Crowell, "	.44
Emily Howes, "	.58
Heirs of Jonathan Kelley, 2d, inability,	3.05
Heirs of Jonathan Nickerson, "	2.17
Eleazer Nickerson, "	.44

Wm. R. Ferris, over taxed,	$ 5.80
Benjamin H. Bassett, inability,	3.04
Josie S. Clark, inability,	3.88
Joseph L. Crabe, out of town,	2.00
Sherman A. Cahoon, pays tax in Chatham,	2.00
Ziba A. Cahoon, pays tax in Chatham,	2.00
Estate of Alpheus Cahoon, overtaxed,	3.01
Truman Emery, taxed in Dennis,	2.00
Joseph N. Eldridge, inability,	2.90
Rufus H. Eldridge, "	2.47
William C. Ellis, "	2.00
Addie R. Kendrick. exempt,	.14
Elijah Kendrick, inability,	1.20
Bernard Marna, out of town,	1.45
Heirs of Zephaniah Nickerson, Jr., inability,	5.65
Hannah C. Stokes, inability,	4.00
Sanford Freeman, inability,	2.58
Harrison O. Conner, no personal,	1.45
Richard B. Hines, no property,	.58
Mark Nickerson, inability,	2.07
Heirs of A. Smalley, worthless,	.73
Heirs of James Bleauvelt, Chatham,	.29
Mrs. Geo. W. Eldridge, Chatham,	.29
H. Fisher Eldridge, can't find property,	2.17
Etta M. Eldridge, " " "	.29
Heirs of W. Howes, " " "	.87
Samuel F. Howes, " " "	2.17
John K. Nickerson, " " "	.58
Heirs of Geo. C. Ryder, " " "	.44
Hiram Taylor, " " "	.58
J. K. Mayo, " " "	.29
Jonathan and Betsey Nickerson, can't find property,	.29
Cavenaugh Bros., no property,	3.92
Heirs of Jesse Nickerson, no property,	2.75
	$170.66

Abatements of 1897.

Lawrence M. Rogers, out of town,	$ 2.00
Valentine K. Nickerson, no property,	1.05
Harry E. Nickerson, pays poll in Boston,	2.00
Addie R. Kendrick, exempt,	.15
Alonzo E. Young, taxed to other parties,	4.47
Hannah C. Stokes, inability,	8.79
George F. Sisson, overtaxed,	1.93
Herbert F. Robbins, overtaxed,	2.00
Cavenaugh Bros., no personal,	4.47
Simon E. Kendrick, non resident,	3.94
Heirs of Jesse Nickerson, no property,	2.83
Ross G. Chase, overtax,	2.53
Edwin L. Jerauld, abated,	1.79
Charles H. Phillips, disability,	4.98
George E. Burgess, no personal,	1.49
E. Willie Freeman, overtaxed,	11.03
Theodore R. Ellis, pays tax in Boston,	2.00
Henry I. Rounds, Dennis,	2.00
J. O. Hulse, Jr., personal,	2.98
Moses Handren, overtax,	7.63
Estate Warren Nickerson, 1st, overtax,	3.73
Heirs of Nelson Chase, cannot find,	2.00
Rufus Grey, no personal,	1.05
Benj. F. Shattuck, taxed to other parties,	8.34
Emily L. Harding, taxed to other parties,	.74
Estate of Alphens Cahoon, no property,	3.71
James B. Ellis, overtaxed,	2.00
Joseph L. Crabe, inability,	2.00
Rufus H. Eldridge, inability,	2.75
Sanford Freeman, inability,	6.17
Charles W. Harwood, no poll,	2.00
Otis C. Nickerson, no poll,	2.00
Bennett B. Nickerson, taxed in Brewster,	2.00
Edward Sanderland, inability,	2.00
	$110.55

Abatements for 1898.

Joseph L. Crabe,	$ 2.00
James B. Ellis,	2.00
Wilson Kelley, error,	.72
Lewis Nunis, taxed to other parties,	1.01
Ezra Eldridge, overtaxed,	.72
Nehemiah Chase, overtaxed,	1.45
New York Syndicate, overtaxed,	21.90
Joseph S. Reed, overtaxed,	.58
Martin L. Robbins, overtaxed,	.73
Willis H. Studley, no poll,	2.00
Nathan Walker, overtaxed,	.29
Jeremiah Park, personal tax,	3.62
Elisha H. Bearse, real estate,	3.04
Wm. T. Tuttle, personal,	2.90
Heirs of Bernard O'Neil, error,	6.52
Matthew Baker, overtaxed,	1.60
Willie L. Kelley, no poll,	2.00
Estate of Mercy B. Freeman, exempt,	5.80
Solomon Crowell, no property,	.44
Heirs of Jonathan Kelley, inability,	3.04
Isaac Ford, inability,	5.37
Austin Baker, inability,	8.55
Estate of Elisha Doane, exempt,	7.82
Nathan Small, overtaxed,	1.45
Addie R. Kendricks, exempt,	.15
Harry E. Nickerson, poll,	2.00
Valentine K. Nickerson,	1.02
Lawrence M. Rogers, overtax,	2.00
Samuel Joseph, overtax,	1.01
Olive M. Handren, overtax,	2.47
James F. Cahoon, overtax,	2.03
	$96.23

Summary.

Total tax abatements, 1896,	$170.66
" " " 1897,	110.55
" " " 1898,	96.23
	$377.44
Appropriation,	300.00
Exceeded appropriation,	$77.44

TAX SETTLEMENT FOR 1896.

East Section.

Allen S. Megathlin :—		
Amt. of Tax Book,	$6651.25	
Cash to balance,	19.89—	$6671.14
Allen S. Megathlin :—		
Cash paid to Treasurer,	$6460.78	
Abatement Orders,	210.36—	$6671.14

West Section.

Charles D. Hall :—		
Amount of Book,	$9585.33	$9585.33
Chas. D. Hall :—		
Cash paid to Treasurer,	$9275.14	
Abatement Orders,	310.19—	$9585.33

SCHOOLS.

Schools, Books and Supplies, Superintendent, Repairs and Incidentals.

Orders have been drawn for the above named objects to the amount of	$7343.26
Appropriations,	5600.00
Exceeded appropriations,	$1743.26

(See School Committee's Report for available funds outside the Town appropriation.)

ROADS, BRIDGES AND SNOW.

Arthur N. Kenney, account Labor on Roads for 1898

East Harwich.

Arthur N. Kenney,	$ 85.14
Joshua Kendrick,	10.49
Thomas F. Kendrick,	1.87
Jabez Crowell, Jr.,	18.97
Ziba Cahoon,	3.71
Elmer Crowell,	.37
Joseph D. Nickerson,	7.86
Winfred C. Higgins,	6.88
Albert E. Nickerson,	1.12
Frederick W. Nickerson,	.15
Alonzo Nickerson,	2.95
Ernest L. Nickerson,	15.60
John Holmes,	4.69
Ensign L. Jeraulds,	.60

Freeman H. Rogers,	$ 3.98
Isaac Kendrick,	3.11
Irving Eldridge,	3.86
Danforth Steele,	1.46
Edgar C. Nickerson,	1.80
William R. Cahoon,	1.27
N. Steele,	.68
Thomas K. Nickerson,	13.50
Ephraim Eldridge,	1.35
Moses E. Small,	.15
J. B. Cahoon,	4.65
Everett H. Doane,	2.10
R. W. Rogers,	2.32
Charles Eldridge,	2.40
Joseph A. Nickerson,	.15
Willie Higgins,	4.46
Zebina H. Ellis,	14.05
Albert E. Higgins,	8.02
Hiram E. Nickerson,	3.90
Stephen Cahoon,	2.68
E. G. Jerauld,	1.35
Albert W. Nickerson,	3.71
Edgar H. Nickerson,	2.51
Ephraim Bassett,	4.76
William H. Doane,	2.70
Arthur M. Small,	1.50
David L. Small,	5.45
Alonzo F. Nickerson,	5.40
Zedda R. Nickerson,	2.10

Amount Paid for Loam.

George S. Rogers,	$ .60	
James W. Jerauld,	.08	
Bangs Nickerson,	3.92	
Mrs. Mulford Young,	2.22	
Thomas D. Kenney,	1.38	
J. B. Cahoon,	.50	
Moses Nickerson,	.10	
Jabez Crowell,	.06	
Heirs of Edward Kendrick,	.86—	9.72

Clay.

Jabez Crowell, clay,		$ 2.16

Lumber, etc.

Frederick W. Nickerson, plank,	$ .10	
Thomas D. Kenney, post and railing,	7.34	
Thomas K. Nickerson, nails,	.28	
Ernest L. Nickerson, rails.	.78	
S. L Moore, nails,	.42—	8.92

Repairing Approach to Cove Bridge.

Joseph A. Nickerson,	$2.25	
Ensign L. Jerauld,	1.65	
R. W. Rogers,	1.19	
Linwood Moore,	1.80	
Thomas F. Kendrick,	1.27	
Arthur N. Kenney,	8.75	
Anthony E. Crowell,	.50	
S. L. Moore,	1.38	
Joseph H. Nickerson,	2.80	
Winfred C. Higgins,	1.95	
Joseph D. Nickerson,	1.95	
Edgar D. Nickerson,	1.95	
Alonzo Nickerson,	.94	
Zebina H. Ellis,	1.01	
Thomas C. Nickerson,	.97	
Thomas D. Kenney, (sand)	3.30	
Alonzo F. Nickerson,	1.87	
Jabez Crowell, Jr.,	1.95	
Albert E. Higgins,	1.46	
Edward E. Doane,	1.05	
Irving Eldridge,	1.19—	41.18
Amount for roads,		$327.75

SNOW.

J. B. Cahoon,	$ .67	
Freeman H. Rogers,	.86	
Frank M. Eldridge,	.34	
Ermond Jerauld,	.19	
Jabez Crowell, Jr.,	1.31	
A. S. Crowell,	.71	
Edward E. Doane,	.37	
Zedda Nickerson,	.34	
Thomas F. Kendrick,	.82	
Linwood Moore,	.82	
Alonzo F. Nickerson,	.75	
Arthur N. Kenney,	.80—	7.98
Total amount expended for Roads and Snow,		$335.73

Ebenezer Weekes, account Labor on Roads for 1898

South Harwich.

PAID FOR LABOR AS FOLLOWS:

Ebenezer Weekes and horse,	$121.44
Joel B. Cahoon and horse,	2.10
Edgar A. Nickerson,	1.05
William H. Doane,	1.50
Everett Bassett,	.60
C. W. Small,	7.06
Wilfred Nickerson,	12.14
J. M. Small,	5.77
Caleb W. Small and horse,	16.05
Joshua S. Cash and horse,	15.90
George L. Sparrow and horse,	15.45
Joshua G. Ryder and horse,	14.85

Moses Handren and horse,	$ 14.85
Benjamin H. Ellis,	.52
Clarkson Bearse,	8.03
Ambrose Freeman,	11.28
Leonard Clark and horse,	9.00
Harry Bassett,	1.95
Peter Viera,	1.20
Rufus H. Small,	1.65
Henry Small,	4.50
Melville W. Small,	4.50
E. L. Stokes,	.30
E. L. Stokes, Jr.,	.15
	$271.84

SNOW.

Ebenezer Weekes,	$2.80	
Moses E. Small,	1.20	
Alonzo Nickerson,	.60	
Alonzo F. Nickerson,	1.80—	6.40
Total amount expended,		$278.24

Rinaldo Eldridge, account Labor on Roads for 1898 Harwich Port.

PAID FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL AS FOLLOWS:

Rinaldo Eldridge and road machine,	$46.64
George T. Sisson,	10.80
David A. Eldridge,	17.25
Abisha Doane,	.34
N. E. Nickerson,	.60
G. B. Taylor,	2.40
V. Doane and horse,	13.29

F. Clark,	$1.50
H. B. Snow,	4.50
B. F. Eldridge and horses,	42.30
E. W. Freeman,	1.65
J Robbins,	1.32
E. O. Bearse,	3.30
A. P. Doane,	4.05
A. O. Eldridge,	.30
J. Doane,	3.75
U. D. Phillips and horses,	7.65
David K. Doane,	4.80
W. B. Kelley and horses,	9.60
J. Burgess and horse,	1.95
H. H. Sisson,	5.70
O. F. Kelley,	2.55
W. R. Burgess,	5.40
C. S. Burgess,	2.70
C. H. Taylor and horses,	7.65
Zephaniah Nickerson and horse,	7.28
C. F. Nickerson,	.75
E. B. Allen and horse,	2.55
J. Newcomb,	.37
D. H. Nickerson,	.37
Charles H. Taylor,	3.75
Joshua Doane,	1.20
David A. Eldridge,	.75
	$219.01

BRIDGES.

W. B. Kelley, lumber,	$1.46	
E. B. Allen, labor,	.82	
Rinaldo Eldridge, railings,	.20	
Zephaniah Nickerson, labor and nails,	.36—	2.84

SNOW.

W. B. Kelley,	$2.10	
R. Eldridge,	1.40	
N. E. Nickerson,	.45	
E. Rogers,	.60—	4.55

CLAY.

J. Allen,	$ 5.76
Total amount expended,	$232.16

(In Selectmen's Report clay is in with roads.)

Ezra Eldridge, account Labor on Roads for 1898

Harwich Centre.

PAID FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL AS FOLLOWS:

Samuel H. Ellis,	$ 4.95
Herbert C. Ellis,	2.14
Benjamin Ellis,	.30
Richard McGran,	.50
Solomon Bassett,	.25
Everett L. Ellis,	2.10
Coleman Kelley,	.15
Daniel B. Small,	.15
Obed E. Nickerson, Jr.,	5.55
James M. Nickerson,	9.22
William H. Nickerson,	2.78
Prince A. Atkins,	1.35
U. D. Phillips,	4.28
Rinaldo Eldridge and road machine,	22.20
Benjamin H. Eldridge,	11.63
David L. Small,	2.75
Byron D. Small,	4.85
Charles H. Taylor,	18.00
Barney Taylor,	12.00
Watson W. Baker,	6.40
George E. Mecarta,	4.95
Allen S. Megathlin,	4.05
Leroy Hamer,	4.20

Benjamin Handren,	$ 4.27
Sanford Robbins,	4.05
Edwin L. Eldredge,	2.95
Everett L. Burgess,	2.70
Benjamin H. Handren,	2.70
George B. Mecarta,	2.70
H. W. Bassett,	4.05
Ahira S. Chase,	4.05
Bert Nickerson,	4.05
Levi F. Long,	4.88
Charles P. Robbins,	2.70
James S. Baker,	2.03
Benjamin Clark,	1.35
Luther Snow,	1.35
Obed E. Nickerson,	.50
Charles Allen,	3.00
John H. Drum,	2.25
Abner Long,	2.15
Nathan N. Bearse,	.60
A. L. Weekes, Aug. 1897,	5.00
Ezra Eldridge,	63.89
	$245.97

Paid for Clay.

Obed E. Nickerson, Jr., 68 loads at 2 cts.,	$1.36	
Obed E. Nickerson, Jr., 16 loads at 3 cts.,	.48	
James M. Nickerson, 180 loads at 3 cts.,	5.40	
John H. Allen, 26 loads at 3 cts.,	.78—	8.02

Paid for Railings and Spouts for Stock and Labor.

W. F. Crapo, posts,	$ .72	
C. E. Hamer & Co., material for railing,	1.49	
James M. Moody, material for railing,	.30	
George E. Mecarta, labor,	.75	
W. F. Sears, drain pipe,	5.44	
Ezra Eldridge, labor,	1.80—	10.50
		$264.49

PAID FOR CLEARING SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS.

Charles H. Taylor and horse,	$ .90	
Warren E. Nickerson and horse,	1.80—	2.70

PAID FOR CLEARING SNOW FROM ROADS.

Ezra Eldridge and horse,	.70

PAID ON KELLEY'S BRIDGE FOR LABOR.

Charles C. Allen,	$ .30	
Ezra Eldridge,	.35—	.65
Total amount expended,		$268.54

Patrick H. Cahoon, account Labor on Roads for 1898

Pleasant Lake.

PAID FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL.

Everett Ellis,	$ 8.10
Nathan B. Walker,	5.25
E. A. Cahoon,	8.44
B. F. Eldridge,	9.00
Joseph Bassett,	7.35
Joseph B. Atkins,	6.15
Joseph W. Chase,	7.35
Augustus Peters,	3.82
Joseph Peters,	3.82
Joseph Crowell,	3.67
Freeman Bassett,	3.82
Chester Baker,	3.82
Russell Moody,	.67

James Morris,		$ 5.32
James F. Cahoon,		3.59
George Ellis,		5.30
Ebenezer Eldridge,		2.92
Joseph P. Clark,		1.00
David L. Small,		.70
Benjamin Eldridge, 2d,		18.75
J N. Atkins,		14.13
Rinaldo Eldridge,		10.00
P. H. Cahoon,		21.97
Oscar J. Cahoon,		.53
C. H. Cahoon,		1.95
		$157.42
Clay,	$ .90	
Loam,	.57	
Lumber,	2.21—	3.68
		$161.10

Shedrach Kelley, account Labor on Roads for 1898

North Harwich.

PAID FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL.

Edwin Studley,	$ 2.25
Charles Hall, Jr.,	1.88
S. P. Hall,	1.13
Richard Rogers,	3.60
Eben Phillips,	6.15
Shedrach Kelley,	24.40
Rinaldo Eldridge,	10.00
Benj. Eldridge,	11.25
E. B. Rogers,	16.95
Edwin Studley,	2.70
Luther Chase,	2.70

Roger Cahoon,	$ 3.23
Marshall E. Chase,	4.20
Joseph Rogers,	2.70
Willie Parker,	2.70
Edgar Cahoon,	2.70
F. P. Hall,	2.70
Bert Sears,	2.70
Ross G. Chase,	3.60
J. K. Nickerson,	6.98
Emulous Hall,	2.70
James Rogers,	2.70
Austin E. Baker,	2.70
Phillip Barrows,	3.45
C. D. Hall,	2.70
Thomas Joseph,	3.75
J. F. Walker,	.45
Benj. Rogers,	1.50
Richard Grey,	1.50
Charles Hall,	2.85
Albert Baker,	1.50
Rufus Grey,	1.50
Myron Robbins,	1.35
Eldoras Cahoon,	1.88
J. H. Barstow,	2.85
Benj. Bassett,	1.35
Gershom Hall,	1.50
Ernest Walker,	1.05
Leonard Studley,	1.20
R. F. Smith,	1.85
J. S. Nickerson,	6.98
Levi L. Sears,	2.40
S. P. Hall,	2.60
John Chase,	1.50
	$168.33

Lumber.

C. E. Hamer & Co., lumber for railing,	$6.65

CLAY.

C. D. Hall, for clay,	$7.20	
Freeman Ryder,	1.95	
R. W. Rogers,	3.05	
J. G. Ryder,	6.00	
Sarah Kelley,	.35—	$18.55
		$193.53

BRIDGES.

R. F. Smith,	$1.25	
S. Kelley,	4.40	
S. P. Hall,	2.10	
Albert Parker,	2.10	
Charles Hall, Jr.,	1.05—	10.90
Total amount expended,		$204.43

Davis Lothrop, account Labor on Roads for 1898

West Harwich.

James R. Lothrop,	$15.30
Thomas L. Snow,	8.55
Sylvanus Chase,	.60
Shedrach Kelley,	3.90
William W. Chase,	1.43
Willis H. Nickerson,	2.62
Charles D. Hall,	5.40
John K. Nickerson,	5.55
Eldoras D. Cahoon,	.82
Joseph Ashley,	13.11
S. P. Hall,	1.05

Wilson Kelley,	$ 2.70
Heman Chase,	1.20
Joseph Snow,	1.05
Davis Lothrop,	74.44
James H. Eldridge,	11.40
James W. Cummings,	12.67
Freeman E. Chase,	1.65
Amos F. Wixon,	8.40
Benj. F. Eldridge,	34.87
Rinaldo Eldridge,	22.60
Clarence H. Nickerson,	.30
Levi L. Sears,	2.10
James Rogers,	.30
Timothy Mulchay,	5.70
Chas. T. Chase,	1.50
Joshua P. McKinley,	2.32
Charles W. Hayden,	14.70
Robert D. Baker,	2.70
Isaiah D. Ellis,	.30
Charles W. Chase,	5.17
George B. Cummings,	4.72
Nathan B. Smith,	5.25
Seth B. Wixon,	6.90
J. Burgess,	4.50
N. W. Chase,	6.97
J. A. Baker,	9.60
Zebina Howland,	2.62
Stephen Bassett,	1.50
Benjamin Sears,	2.10
John W. Nickerson,	6.15
J. B. Nelson,	4.20
Caleb Chase,	2.85
Cyrus W. Chase,	6.75
Edwin Berry,	2.32
James B. Doane,	4.20
Warren S. Doane,	2.10
Obed S. Doane,	2.10
Judson B. Chase,	2.10
Emanuel Spindle,	2.10
Elijah Doane,	2.10

Richard Baker,	$ 4.20
Lawrence Levis,	2.10
Henry B. Ellis,	3.60
Clarence Phillips,	.30
Henry C. Berry,	4.35
Osmyn Berry,	5.77
Thomas Small,	4.35
Selem Baker,	2.17
Frederick Cobb,	2.17
Erastus Chase,	.30
W. B. Kelley,	3.60
C. E. Hamer & Co., drain pipe and lumber,	2.75
James W. Cummings, post, etc.,	1.80
	$382.99

Clay and Loam.

Freeman E. Chase,	$ .24	
Charles D. Hall,	7.00	
James H. Eldridge,	7.38	
John K. Nickerson,	.20—	14.82
Amount for roads,		$397.81

Snow.

Willie Parker,	$ .45	
Zebina S. Howland,	.37	
Willie Brooks,	.90	
Charles T. Chase,	.30	
Davis Lothrop,	1.00	
John W. Nickerson,	.45	
Richard Baker,	.22	
Timothy Mulchay,	.22	
Willis H. Nickerson,	.45	
Wilson Kelley,	.75	
Cornelius Haley,	.45	
Emanuel Spindle,	.45	
Elijah Doane,	.75	
Obed S. Doane,	.45	
James B. Doane,	.45—	$7.66

BRIDGES.

Freeman E. Chase,	$ 1.80	
Thomas L. Snow,	2.70	
John E. Ellis,	1.35	
James R. Lothrop,	.60	
Davis Lothrop,	2.35	
Willis H. Nickerson, painting bridge,	12.50	
Isaiah D. Ellis, painting bridge,	12.50	
O. E. Kelley, 3 gallons oil,	1.50	
Erastus Chase, 1 gallon oil,	.60	
Edwin B. Rogers, carting stone,	15.00	
D. H. Andrews, for paint (Iron Bridge,)	43.50	
W. B. Kelley, bill for lumber, etc.,	13.03—	$107.43
Total amount expended on Roads, Bridges and Snow,		$512.90

SUMMARY.

Selectmen's Report for money expended on Highways for 1898.

Amount paid Arthur N. Kenney for roads, railing, drain pipe, etc.,	$327.75
Amount paid Ebenezer Weekes for roads, railing, drain pipe, etc.,	271.84
Amount paid Rinaldo Eldridge for roads, railing, drain pipe, etc.,	224.77
Amount paid Ezra Eldridge for roads, railing, drain pipe, etc.,	264.49
Amount paid Patrick H. Cahoon for roads, railing, drain pipe, etc.,	161.10

Amount paid Davis Lothrop for roads, railing, drain pipe, etc.,		$ 397.81
Amount paid Shedrach Kelley for roads, railing, drain pipe, etc.,		193.53
		$1841.29
Appropriation,	$2000.00	
Amount expended,	1841.29	
Amount unexpended,	$158.71	

BRIDGES.

Amount paid Rinaldo Eldridge,		$ 2.84	
" " Ezra Eldridge,		.65	
" " Davis Lothrop,		107.43	
" " Shedrach Kelley,		10.90—	121.82
Appropriation,	$200.00		
Amount expended,	121.82		
Amount unexpended,	$78.18		

SNOW.

Amount Paid Arthur N. Kenney,		$7.98	
" " Ebenezer Weekes,		6.40	
" " Rinaldo Eldridge,		4.55	
" " Ezra Eldridge,		3.40	
" " Davis Lothrop,		7.66—	29.99
Appropriation,	$100.00		
Amount expended,	29.99		
Amount unexpended,	$70.01		
Total,			$1993.10

Total amount appropriation,	$2300.00
Total amount expended,	1993.10
Unexpended,	$306.90

GUIDEBOARDS.

Guideboards are maintained in the following places:

On Sisson's Corner, Harwich Port,
Near Exchange Building, Harwich,
" M. E. Church, South Harwich,
" Charles Holmes', East Harwich,
" M. E. Church, " "
" Joshua Kendrick's, " "
" Albert Higgins's, " "
" Nathan Nickerson's, " "
" Asa S. Rogers's, " "
" Ephraim Eldridge's, " "
" Samuel Eldridge's, " "
" Joseph H. Nickerson's, " "

A new guideboard is needed to replace the old one near Charles Holmes' late residence, and still another on the corner just west of the homestead of the late Seth Eldridge, in East Harwich.

RECAPITULATION.

	Expended	*Appropriations*
Almshouse,	$1293.97	$1200.00
Poor out of Almshouse,	1589.73	1300.00
Support of Poor of Other Towns and Cities.	242.98	none
Support of State Paupers,	114.75	none
Support of Insane,	948.42	850.00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	853.39	800.00
Election Expenses,	56.25	none
Town Officers' Salaries,	1452.66	1000.00
Fires and Fire Wards,	24.80	none
Repairs on Buildings,	199.98	200.00
Grade Crossing,	30.00	none

(Continued.)	Expended.	Appropriations
Salt Water Pond Outlet,	$ 200.53	$ 200.00
E. A. Cahoon, Reimbursement,	25.00	25.00
Memorial Day,	50.00	50.00
North Harwich Cemetery,	75.00	75.00
Board of Health,	1.00	50.00
Suppression of Crime,		100.00
Tax Abatements,	377.44	300.00
Tax Settlement, (To balance A. S. Megathlin's taxes of 1896)	19.89	none
Schools, books, supplies, Superintendent, repairs and incidentals,	7343.26	5600.00
Roads,	1841.29	2000.00
Bridges,	121.82	200.00
Snow,	29.99	100.00
Note No. 2, account Iron Bridge, paid by Treas. (See his report)		500.00
State Aid, (All to be refunded by State,)	1415.00	1400.00
Note at Savings Bank, paid by Treasurer,		1000.00
		$16950.00

Paid by Treasurer, Note No 2, account Iron Bridge,	500.00
Paid by Treas., Note at Bank,	1000.00
	$19807.15
Total appropriations,	16950.00
Exceeded Appropriations,	$ 2857.15

LIST OF JURORS.

Of the Town of Harwich for 1899, as prepared by the Selectmen, Jan. 6, 1899.

Samuel T. Nickerson,	Retired Captain
Richard L. Baker,	Carpenter
Sheldon K. Crowell,	Merchant
Anthony P. Doane,	Cranberry Grower
Thomas D. Kenney,	Cranberry Grower
George B. Mecarta,	Cranberry Grower
Walter I. Paine,	Mason
Harvey C. Phillips,	Painter
Henry B. Snow,	Salesman
Alonzo Kendrick,	Coal Dealer
Rufus H. Small,	Cooper
Richard McGran,	Farmer
Charles R. Clark,	Salesman
William A. Eldridge,	Painter
George T. Bassett,	Merchant
Henry C. Berry,	Retired Captain
Richard Baker,	Cranberry Grower
Edmund C. Lee,	Carpenter
Charles C. Allen,	Blacksmith
Aaron E. Baker,	Baker
Alvin N. Bassett,	Merchant
Henry K. Bearse,	Clerk
William R. Burgess,	Cranberry Grower
Freeman E. Burgess,	Merchant
Eldoras D. Cahoon,	Cranberry Grower
Alonzo F. Chase,	Retired from Sea
Anthony E. Crowell,	Cranberry Grower
Allison S. Doane,	Harness Maker
Carroll F. Doane,	Cranberry Grower
Everett W. Eldridge,	Painter
Edwin L. Eldridge,	Cooper

Rinaldo Eldridge,	Contractor
George F. Ellis, (W. Har.)	Painter and Plumber
Freeman E. Ellis,	Milk Dealer
Lafavor B. Ellis,	Hotel Business
Asa L. Jones,	Undertaker
Franklin D. Underwood,	Cranberry Grower

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1899.

The Selectmen hereby recommend the following appropriations for the year 1899:

Support of Poor in Almshouse,	$1250.00
" " Poor out of Almshouse,	1400.00
" " Insane,	350.00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	850.00
Town Officers.	1200.00
Repairs on Buildings,	200.00
Board of Health,	100.00
Suppression of Crime,	100.00
Tax Abatements,	300.00
Roads,	2500.00
Bridges,	150.00
Snow,	100.00
State Aid,	1400.00
Schools,	5000.00
School Books and Supplies,	400.00
Repairs on School-rooms and Incidentals,	200.00
Note No. 3, on account Iron Bridge,	500.00
Grade Crossing at Harwich Depot,	1000.00
	$17000.00

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN

JAN. 14, 1899.

Assets.

Cash in Treasury Jan. 14, 1899,	$ 879.34
Due from State for State Aid of 1898,	1415.00
" " " " Superintendent of Schools,	625.00
" " " " Salary of Inspector of Cattle,	22.00
" " " " State Paupers,	217.27
" " Other towns for Support of Paupers,	132.47
" " Taxes, West Section, 1897,	1188.37
" " " " " 1898,	4300.18
" " " East Section, 1897,	577.01
" " " " " 1898,	3706.93
	$13063.57

Liabilities.

Outstanding Orders for 1897,	$ 1.49	
Outstanding Orders for 1898,	73.84	
Notes on account Herring River Bridge,	3000.00	
Unpaid Bills of 1898, estimated,	145.00	
Tax Premiums and Abatements of 1897-8, estimated,	900.00	
Grade Crossing Overhead Bridge,	1000.00	5120.33
Balance in favor of Town,		$7943.24

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF HARWICH, ETC., FOR THE YEAR 1898.

Valuation of Real Estate, 1898,	$857,470.00
Valuation of Real Estate, 1897,	856,360.00
Increase,	$ 1,110.00
Valuation of Personal Property, 1898,	$241,270.00
Valuation of Personal Property, 1897,	231,894.00
Increase,	$ 9,376.00
Total Valuation, 1898,	$1,098,840.00
Total Valuation, 1897,	1,088,254.00
Increase,	$ 10,586.00
Number of polls,	707
" " dwelling houses,	864
" " horses,	388
" " cows,	205
" " swine, (taxed)	20
Rate of taxation on $1000,	$14.50
Number of acres of land,	8670

Respectfully Submitted,

D. M. NICKERSON, JR.,
DAVID L. SMALL,
AMBROSE N. DOANE,

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Board of Health.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Joshua H. Paine, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Harwich. Dr.

Cash in Treasury, Jan. 11, 1898,	$1186.80
Received from:	
State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund,	281.28
" " Corporation Tax,	1139.64
" " National Bank Tax,	293.91
" " State Aid for 1897 refunded,	1403.00
" " for support of state paupers,	137.11
" " temporary support state paupers,	2.99
" " tax on foreign ships,	193.52
" " on account of cattle inspection,	25.00
City of New Bedford,	32.00
City of Boston, pauper account,	34.00
Town of Yarmouth, support of Mrs. J. P. Holway,	207.43
" " Chatham, support of Eliza Harding,	30.11
" " Falmouth, support of Edwin Jenkins,	85.42
" " Barnstable, support of Chas. W. Allen,	8.25
" " Sandwich, support of Mabel L. Pierce,	2.65
" " Wareham, support of Hulda Long,	1.50
" " Dennis, support of Mrs. Elmer Baxter,	17.50
Watson B. Kelley guardian, Pliny Doane's pension,	72.00
Simeon H. Moody, land sold belonging to Town,	10.00
S. A. K. Turner on note,	1000.00
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank,	3000.00
District Court, on account fines,	102.81
A. H. Woodhouse, pool and billiard hall license,	2.00
A. P. Lucas, pool and billiard hall license,	2.00
Albert Hall, keeper of almshouse, sale of milk, etc.	12.36
Freeman Ryder, for use of Herring Brook,	500.00
T. D Sears, rebate on salary, Supt. of Schools,	597.82
Cape Cod National Bank, tax on shares,	3915.00

Received from:

Friendship Circle, rent of schoolhouse at Harwich Port,	$ 15.00
Dividends on expired insurance policies,	13.99
A. N. Doane, auctioneer's license,	2.00
R. Eldridge, " "	2.00
Chas. H. Kelley, Jr., " "	2.00
Thomas Burgess, merry-go-round license,	12.50
James Saunders, refunded,	1.50
W. E. Nickerson, refunded on account Nellie M. Stone,	7.90
Thomas Grew, for board at almshouse,	9.00
N. B. Walker, butcher's license,	1.00
F. W. Baker, " "	1.00
County Treasurer, Dog Fund of 1898,	206.61
A. S. Megathlin, Collector of Taxes, 1896,	386.10
C. D. Hall, " " " 1896,	757.87
A. S. Megathlin, " " " 1897,	2353.32
C. D. Hall, " " " 1897,	3539.41
A. S. Megathlin, " " " 1898.	3836.32
Coleman Kelley, " " " 1898,	5087.73
	$30531.35

Joshua H. Paine, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Harwich. *Cr.*

Paid outstanding orders of 1897,	$ 45.28
" town orders of 1898,	16818 31
" State Aid orders of 1898,	1415.00
" committee, settling with Treasurer for 1897,	6.00
" Clerk in attendance,	2.50
" B. F. Bee, printing town ballots,	9.00
" Notes at Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank,	3000 00
" E. L. Chase, Treasurer, county tax,	1547.08
" state tax,	690.00

Paid National Bank tax to state,	$ 2939.07
" S. A. K. Turner's note,	1000.00
" Note No. 2 at Malden Savings Bank,	500.00
" balance of note issued May 4, 1894,	1000.00
" Treasurer's salary,	200.00
" Town Clerk, recording 47 births,	23.50
" " " " 49 deaths,	21.25
" " " " 32 marriages,	6.40
" " " services at special and annual elections,	3.75
" " " for preparing tally sheets,	3.00
" Levi Long for return of 13 deaths,	3.25
" for transporting ballot box, etc.,	1.40
" for stationery,	4.74
" for postage,	6.54
" physicians for return of births,	7.25
" horse hire on town's business,	5.25
" expressage on books, etc.,	4.75
" Justice of the Peace, administering oaths,	1.40
" to officers on order District Court,	89.52
" interest on notes,	297.77
Cash on hand Jan. 14, 1899,	879.34
	$30531.35

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSHUA H. PAINE, Town Treasurer.

Harwich, Mass., Jan. 14, 1899.

We, the undersigned committee, whose duty, under the By-Laws of Harwich, is to settle the year's accounts with the Town Treasurer, Joshua H. Paine, have this day examined each and every account and voucher in his custody, and have examined his bank account and funds and find them correct.

D. M. NICKERSON, Jr.,
J. E. HAMER,
P. A. ATKINS,
Committee.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Harwich, have this day examined the books, bills, and all accounts of the town officers for the year 1898, and find them correct.

JOHN E. HAMER,
PRINCE A. ATKINS.
Auditors.

Harwich, Jan. 14, 1899.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1898.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
Jan. 4	Edwin Allen,	Edwin A. and Alice B. Studley.
" 9	Gladys May,	Chas. H. and Fannie M. Taylor.
" 15	Walter Irving,	Aldoe S. and Mercy Hyde.
" 21	Charles Johnson,	Charles W. and Lizzie Hayden.
" 30	Letitia Olive,	Edmund C. and Rebecca A. Lee.
" 31	Rudolphus Joseph,	Manuel J. and Mertis E. Nunis.
Feb. 8	Jenny,	John L. and Dominga Silva.
" 20	Son, died unnamed	Joseph H. and Lizzie M. Barstow
Mar. 6	Eleanor,	Frank D. and Sarah Underwood.
" 13	Son,	Illegitimate.
" 19	Lester Rufus,	Rufus and Ethel M. Gray.
" 20	Son,	Herbert F. and Kate Berry.
" 29	Clarkson Paine,	Clarkson P. and Annie G. Bearse
April 2	Clifton Francis,	Clifton C and Jennie C Nickerson
" 8	Manuel,	John and Emily Fernande.
" 21	Holman Stewart,	George T. and Datie B. Sisson.
" 28	Alfred,	Peter and Mary Nunis.
" 30	Ruth Coline,	William W. and Ruthie S. Cook.
May 27	Josie May,	Harvey H. and Mary A. Sisson.
" 28	Benjamin,	Antone and Sarah Coriea.
June 1	Dominga,	Manuel and Mary Ford.
" 11	Hattie Joslin,	Seth H. and Alice B. Chace.
" 19	Daughter,	Stillborn.
" 25	Joseph Bradford,	Chas. F. and Lillian F. Crowell.
July 4	Jennie,	Frank and Jennie Fernande.
" 6	Leroy Edrie,	Ernest L. and Ruth H. Nickerson
" 13	Emmie Louise,	Clarenton S & Mattie E Nickerson
" 17	Isaac,	Gregory and Constancia Montero
Aug. 3	Azel Everett,	A. Everett and Clara Bassett.
" 11	Medella,	Gideon and Mary A. Gomes.
" 19	Louise,	Antone and Anna Fernande.
" 20	Birnard Cyrus,	Fred H. and Bertha E. Chase.
" 22	Elizabeth,	Frank H. and Laura S. Thompson

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1898.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
Sept. 8	Bertha Warren,	Valentine K & Kitty G Nickerson
" 22	Mercy Gallington,	Roger W. and Maude Cahoon.
" 27	Earle Francis,	Joseph L. and Adelia M. Crabbe
Oct. 19	Howard Charles,	Chas. B. and Amelia C Nickerson
" 25	Donald Cutting,	Charles E. and Susie A. Brett.
" 30	Bernice Norwood,	James M. and Clara T. Rogers.
Nov 15	Son,	Caesar and Angelica Ford.
" 21	Doris Ryder,	Ermond G. and Luella H Jerauld
Dec. 3	Jennie,	Louis and Mary Deas.
" 5	Elizabeth Snow,	Willis C. and Lena S. Newcomb.
" 7	Hazel Ernestine,	Bramard W. and Ruth E. Rogers
" 17	Kenneth Meriton,	Chas. A. and Geneva A. Eldridge
" 19	Effie May,	Charles H. and Alice M. Cahoon
" 25	Manuel,	Julio and Francisca Pedento.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1898.

Date.	Name of Parties.	Age	Residence.
Jan. 3	Edgar W. Chase,	24	Harwich.
	Adalade F. Chase,	25	Dennis.
" 4	James H. Taylor,	37	Brockton.
	Ida F. Nickerson,	31	Harwich.
Feb. 12	Charles E. Lothrop,	52	Harwich.
	Addie B. Garfield,	30	Dennis.
" 13	Amos Wixon,	72	Dennis.
	Myra B. Caffrey,	51	Dennis.
" 17	Warren M. Dutton,	30	Harwich.
	Annie P. Smith,	27	Harwich.
" 19	Frederick W. Baker,	45	Harwich.
	Matilda Cahoon,	32	Chatham.
April 19	William C. Eldredge,	19	Dennis.
	Josie May Tripp,	16	Dennis.
" 26	John F. Newcomb,	36	Dennis.
	Flora T. Crowell,	26	Dennis.
May 1	Lewis W. Rogers,	35	Dennis.
	Rosa P. Chase,	33	Dennis.
" 3	Charles H. Cahoon,	26	Harwich.
	Alice M. Atkins,	20	Harwich.
" 15	Alpheus F. Cahoon,	37	Harwich.
	Flora L. Kelley,	37	Orleans.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1898.

Date.	Name of Parties.	Age	Residence.
May 18	Stephen B. Eldredge,	34	Harwich.
	Rebecca M. Bassett,	39	Barnstable.
" 18	Calvin C. Parker,	21	Dennis.
	Grace M. Chase,	17	Harwich.
June 9	George E. Nickerson,	32	Harwich.
	Fannie Richards,	25	Roxbury.
" 14	Jabez W. Crowell,	22	Harwich.
	Elsie M. Nickerson,	26	Harwich.
" 18	William H. Ellis,	61	Harwich.
	Gertrude I. Thomas,	31	Harwich.
" 29	Albert T. Kirby,	23	Valley Falls, R. I.
	Gertrude M. Howes,	21	Harwich.
" 30	Wilber S. Cole,	40	Eastham.
	Evelyn W. Weekes,	18	Harwich.
July 12	Harry D. Nickerson,	28	Harwich.
	Lucia E. Van Dyke,	28	Harwich.
Aug. 17	Benjamin Sears, 2d,	23	Harwich.
	Sarah E. Jordan,	19	Harwich.
" 21	Robert S. Baker,	28	Harwich.
	Clementine Wixon,	26	Dennis.
Sept. 11	Norton N. Steele, Jr.,	23	Harwich.
	Myra L. Lewis,	21	Orleans.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1898.

Date.	Name of Parties.	Age	Residence.
Sept. 28	Edwin Parker Goss,	22	Harwich.
	Sarah Hallet Kelley,	20	Dennis.
Oct. 15	Edmond D. Kendrick,	25	Chatham.
	Georgia M. Nickerson,	20	Harwich.
Nov. 6	Freeman Ryder,	69	Harwich.
	Corintha A. Kenney,	58	Harwich.
" 16	Mervin C. Hall,	22	Harwich.
	Irene S. Ryder,	22	Harwich.
" 22	Ernest L. Cole,	22	Harwich.
	Geneva M. Hopkins,	23	Brewster.
" 24	Edgar C. Nickerson,	22	Harwich.
	Adelena Eldredge,	19	Chatham.
Dec. 25	Elijah L. Nickerson,	32	Chatham.
	Hattie Francis Doane,	28	Chatham.
" 25	Harry M. Young,	31	Harwich.
	Edith F. Small,	21	Orleans.
" 26	Benjamin S. Cahoon,	21	Harwich.
	Louise S. Baker,	18	Dennis.
" 26	Mervyn R. Martin,	21	Harwich.
	Winnie B. Small,	30	Harwich.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1898.

Date.		Name of Person.	Age.			Cause of Death.
			Y	M	D	
Jan.	5	Dorcas Eldridge,	71	6		Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	9	Alexander Nickerson.	78	10	28	Heart Disease.
"	14	Zenas D. Eldridge,	84			Old Age.
"	15	Elizabeth N. Eldridge	77	7	3	Dysentery.
"	19	Benjamin H. Eldridge	90	4	2	Old Age.
"	20	Kate W. Kelley.	29	11	17	Cholilithiasis.
Feb.	7	George Taylor,	77	7	14	General Paralysis.
"	18	Henry K. Doane,	79			Chronic Cystitis.
"	24	Jane A. Norris,	78			Old Age.
"	28	George F. Kelley,	67	1	27	Heart Disease.
Mar.	10	Priscilla Ryder,	66	5	18	Consumption Bowels
"	10	Edith Doane,	72	1	18	Heart Disease.
"	21	(male) Barstow,		1	1	Congestive Colic.
Apr.	14	George H. Eldredge,	44	8	21	Typhoid Fever.
"	15	Marshela Smith,	84		6	Pneumonia.
"	16	Manuel Fernande,			8	Marasmus.
"	24	Susan Bassett,	81	6	2	Pneumonia.
May	4	Ruth Coline Cook,			4	Internal Hemorrhage
"	8	Susan Allen,	66	1	13	Heart Disease.
,,	11	Azubah Chase,	65	6	12	Disease of Kidneys.
"	13	Lucy A. Nickerson,	61	6	10	Pneumonia.
"	21	Mercy B. Freeman,	50	6	9	Meningitis.
June	6	James Calders,	62			Uraemia.
July	3	Abijah C. Long,	56	10	24	Softening of Brain.
"	8	James G. Baker,	63			Suffocation.
"	11	Reuben Allen,	80	11		Apoplexy.
"	21	Almira Doane,	67	6		Cancer of Stomach.
"	29	Bessie L. Allen,	11			Inflammation Bowels
Aug.	13	Betsey Bassett,	86	8	19	Vital Degeneration.
Sept.	10	Helen I. Makepeace,		10		Marasmus.
"	13	Thankful Nickerson,	89			Vital Degeneration.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS

Recorded in Harwich in the year 1898.

Date.	Name of Person.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y	M	D	
Sept. 15	Luke Kaley,	81			Old Age.
" 17	Isaac Montero,		2		Peritonitis.
" 23	Russell F. Moody,	69	9	21	Paralysis of Heart.
" 29	Sarah Coriea,	22			Dysentery.
Oct. 9	Jas. Freeman Bassett	23			Drowning.
" 9	Joseph E. Hamer,	8	11	1	Drowning.
" 10	Claude M. Hamer,	11	5	1	Drowning.
" 17	Joseph Gray,	1		10	Convulsions.
" 26	Isaac M. Bearse,	64			Heart Disease.
Nov. 7	Nellie M. Stone,	36			Insanity Phthisis.
" 21	Avis L. Nickerson,	5	5	24	Lung Fever.
" 24	Matthew Allen,	49			Paresis.
Dec. 7	Augustus S. Pratt,	31	6		Chronic Dementia.
" 16	Marinda Snow,	71	1	8	La Grippe.
" 22	Nellie Burgess,	46			Consumption.
" 26	John B. Nickerson,	44	10		Apoplexy.
" 27	Eliza N. Doane,	81	2		Paralysis of Heart.
" 30	Mercy W. Thacher,	81	1		Chronic Nephitis.

Remarks.

There has been an increase of five births the past year over the number recorded in 1897. The total number recorded the past year is forty-seven—males twenty-five, females twenty-two. About twenty-five per cent. of the number of births recorded are of Portuguese parents. Parents have been very prompt in having their children named before the close of the year, only two omissions occurring. In the foregoing tabulated statement of births it is noticed that certain names are withheld, and for an explanation thereof extracts from Chapter 444, Section 27 of the Acts of 1897, are given as follows:

"In a statement of births and deaths printed by authority of a city or town, no name of an illegitimate child, or its parents, or of the parents of a stillborn child, shall be printed, but the word "illegitimate" or "stillborn," as the fact may be, shall be used in place thereof."

Thirty-two marriages have been returned for record by different clergymen as follows: Rev. Mr. Smith, 7; Rev. Mr. Snow, 5; Rev. Mr. Ford, 5; Rev. Mr. Washburn, 3; Rev. Mr. Bradley, 2; Rev. Messrs. Lesh, Chase, Beale, Sampson, Docking, Detling, Hamilton, House, Richardson and Lockhart, 1 each. The age of the oldest groom given is 72; oldest bride, 58; youngest groom, 21; youngest bride, 16.

Twenty-eight marriage certificates were issued by the Clerk of Harwich, wherein one or both of the parties resided. As the law requires a copy of the certificate to be returned to the clerk of the town in which the marriage was solemnized, for record, it will be noticed that four couples were married where neither of the parties resided in this town.

Forty-nine deaths have been placed upon record the past year. The leading "cause of death" appears to be heart disease. The average death rate for the last ten years has been fifty-one for each year. The past year the rate has not been up to the average. The age of the oldest male person is 90 years, the oldest female is 89 years, as the tabulated record shows.

Number and Account of Dogs Licensed during the year 1898.

Male dogs licensed,	117	
Female dogs licensed,	5	
Total number licensed,	122	
Total amount received for licenses,		$259.00
Clerk's fees for issuing licenses, deducted,		24.40
Balance paid County Treasurer,		$234.60
Received from County Treasurer, Jan. 6, 1899,		206.61
Retained by County for damages by dogs,		$27.99

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. PAINE, Town Clerk.

Report

...OF THE...

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

...OF THE...

TOWN OF HARWICH,

Mass.,

For the year ending Dec. 31,

...1898...

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The school committee, consisting of the same members as last year, organized by the choice of George N. Munsell, chairman, and S. A. Hayward, secretary.

The schools of the town have been in session thirty-four weeks, while the High School, by State legislation, must be in session forty weeks.

The board, together with the superintendent, have looked for the best methods of instruction, and it has been our purpose to employ the best teachers we could procure with the funds at our disposal, and furnish material to aid them in the performance of their work.

Teachers' Salaries, 1898.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid S. H. Chace,	3 mos.,	at $100,	$300.00
" George M. Bemis,	4¼ "	" 80,	340.00
" Eugene Averell,	3 "	" 75,	225.00
" Elise M. Carret,	3 "	" 40,	120.00

HARWICH CENTRE.

" Alta M. Whitlock—Grammar,	6 mos.,	at $40,	240.00
" Sarah E. Whitlock, "	2½ "	" "	100.00
" Tamson D. Eldredge—Int.,	8½ "	" "	340.00
" Minerva A. Bearse—Primary,	" "	" "	340.00

HARWICH PORT.

" Lucia E. VanDyke—Grammar,	6 "	" "	240.00
" Fannie L. Abbott, "	2½ "	" "	100.00
" Marguerite L. Sumner—Pri.,	6 "	" 35,	210 00
" " " "	2½ "	" 40,	100.00

West Harwich.

Paid Naomi E. Stevens—Grammar,	6 mos.,	at $40,	$240.00
" Mertie E. Kelley, "	2½ "	" "	100.00
" Helen R. Ellis—Primary,	8½ "	" "	340.00

North Harwich.

" Loena M. Wixon—Mixed,	8½ "	" 35,	297.50

Pleasant Lake.

" Bertha A. Atkins—Mixed,	6 "	" 40,	240.00
" Henry K. Bearse, "	6 "	" 20,	120.00
" Josephine B. Marrs, "	2½ "	" 40,	100.00

East Harwich.

" Sarah E. Whitlock—Mixed,	6 "	" "	240.00
" Beulah Eldredge, "	2½ "	" 30,	75.00

South Harwich.

" Selena M. Kerr—Mixed,	6 "	" 35,	210.00
" " " " "	2½ "	" 40,	100.00
			$4717.50

Janitors' Salaries, 1898.

Centre, Miron W. Rogers,	6 mos.	at $20,	$120.00
" " "	2½ "	" 16,	40.00
" " "	1¾ mos.	H. School, 8,	14.00
Port, Joshua D. Allen,	8½ mos.	at 10,	85.00
West, Joseph Ashley,	" "	" 10,	85.00
North, Benjamin F. Hall,	" "	" 8,	68.00
Pleasant Lake, Joseph Clark,	6 "	" "	48.00
" " William H. Ellis,	2½ "	" "	20.00
East, Alpheus Doane,	8½ "	" "	68.00
South, Elisha Doane,	" "	" "	68.00
Total,			$616.00

Fuel for the year 1898.

West Harwich.

Jan. 29,	D. R. Ginn, 1 cord two-foot wood,	$3.00
Feb. 7,	Joseph Raymond, 3 tons coal at $7.00,	21.00
Mch. 10,	Henry B. Ellis, 1 cord two-foot wood,	3.00
" 14,	David McVea, sawing wood,	.50
May 23,	James H. Eldredge, ½ cord two-foot wood,	1.50
	Joseph Raymond, 1½ tons coal at $7.00,	10.50
Oct. 1,	Joseph A. Baker, 1½ cords wood,	4.50
	Joseph Ashley, sawing wood during year,	1.00
Nov. 7,	Joseph Raymond, 4 tons coal at $7.00,	28.00
	Total,	$73.00

North Harwich.

Mch. 5,	Joseph Raymond, 1 ton coal,	$7.00
Oct. 21,	B. F. Hall, ½ cord sawed wood,	3.00
Nov. 7,	Joseph Raymond, 3 tons coal at $7.00,	21.00
	Total,	$31.00

Pleasant Lake.

Feb. 7,	Joseph Raymond, ¾ ton coal,	$5.25
Mch. 5,	" " 1 ton coal,	7.00
May 28,	" " ½ ton coal,	3.50
	Joseph Clark, wood,	2.44
Nov. 7,	Joseph Raymond, 3 tons coal,	21.00
	Total,	$39.19

East Harwich.

Kendrick & Bearse, coal,	$21.00
W. J. Nickerson, 1½ cords sawed wood,	9.00
Total,	$30.00

SOUTH HARWICH.

Kendrick & Bearse, coal,	$28.00
Elisha Doane, labor on wood,	2.30
Total,	$30.30

HARWICH PORT.

W. B. Kelley, coal and wood,	$58.25

HARWICH CENTRE.

High and Centre Schools,	$90.13
Total Fuel for the Year,	$351.87

Available Funds for Schools.

Appropriation by Town,	$5000.00	
State School Fund,	281.28	
One-half Rebate of Supt.'s Salary,	298.91	
Dog Fund,	192.56	
Total,		$5772.75

EXPENDED.

Teachers' Salaries for the year,	$4717.50	
Janitors' " " " "	616.00	
Fuel " " " "	351.87	
Bill of Tuition, Orleans,	26.40	
Amount Expended,		5711.77
Balance of School Fund Unexpended,		$ 60.98

Repairs and Incidentals, 1898.

WEST HARWICH.

Feb. 18, C. F. Ellis, plastering school-room,	$0.50
April 9, Annie M. Robbins, cleaning school-house, soap, blacking stoves, etc.,	8.00
April 20, O. E. Kelley, 1 bucket 15 cts., basin 10 cts., cup 5 cts.,	.30

May 5, Alpheus Howes, grate for stove,	$ 1.35
Sept. 1, Alpheus Howes, pot for stove,	6.75
Oct. 14, Charles W. Chase, cylinder for pump,	4.50
Oct. 14, Charles W. Chase, butts and packing,	.75
Oct. 14, Chas. W. Chase, labor on pump and flag-pole,	3.05
Oct. 31, O. E. Kelley, 2 brooms 50 cts., 3 lbs. white leads 24 cts., 1 pt. oil 10 cts., rope for flag-pole 37 cts.,	1.21
Nov. 5, Alpheus Howes, stove for entry,	8.00
Nov. 5, Alpheus Howes, pipe,	.50
Total,	$34.91

North Harwich.

Jan. 22, E. Harris, repairing pump,	$1.00
Jan. 22, C. E. Hamer, rope 40 cts., glass 30 cts. lock 25 cents,	.95
March 1, Shedrach Kelley, labor on schoolhouse,	3.00
March 1, Shedrach Kelley, screws and nails,	.25
April 9, Ruth Pratt, cleaning schoolhouse,	3.00
April 9, B. F. Hall, cleaning stove pipe,	.50
April 9, B. F. Hall, whitewashing,	.30
April 9, B. F. Hall, cash paid for glass,	.20
April 9, George D. Smalley, stove pipe,	2.20
April 9, George D. Smalley, 1 dipper,	.25
Sept. 1, J. F. Tobey, incidentals,	.72
Nov. 5, Alpheus Howes, 1 duster,	.45
Total for the year,	$12.82

Harwich Centre.

Alpheus Howes, incidentals for the year,	$ 9.32
Cyrus Ellis, labor on grounds,	.50
Miron W. Rogers, cleaning, etc.,	14.50
Solomon Bassett, labor on High School Building,	6.25
J. M. Moody, lumber and stock for same,	12.37
F. A. Small, 1 stove, pipe, etc., for High School,	17.22
Total,	$60.16

Pleasant Lake.

Alpheus Howes, 1 stove, fixings, etc.,	$11.03
C. E. Hamer, repairs on house,	3.69
Joseph R. Clark, labor on outbuildings, etc.,	1.42
William H. Ellis, cleaning, etc.,	7 00
William H. Ellis, incidentals,	1.72
Total,	$24.86

Harwich Port.

W. B. Kelley, lime,	$ .50
J. B. Eldredge, labor on windows,	2.50
M. E. Small, labor on blackboards,	13.95
W. B. Kelley, incidentals,	.14
F. A. Small, incidentals,	3.40
Total,	$20.49

East Harwich.

Outside Repairs.

Walter Emery, driving well,	$14.65
Chas. A. Eldredge, building pump-house, platform, repairing flag-pole, stock and labor,	7.95

Inside Repairs.

Alpheus Doane, cleaning rooms, etc.,	5.30
M. E. Small, labor on blackboards,	3.60
Sears L. Moore, incidentals,	5.08
Total,	$36.58

SOUTH HARWICH.

Alpheus Howes, stove repairs,	$1.75
Elisha Doane, cleaning, setting glass, changing desks, seats, etc.,	7.80
M. E. Small, labor on blackboards,	7.20
Wm. M. Eldredge, glass and putty,	1.36
Total,	$18.11

Total expended for Repairs and Incidentals. $207.93
Appropriation, $150.00

Expended on Public Buildings.

Pleasant Lake schoolhouse, (shingling) :	
W. B Kelley, stock,	$48.99
Joseph Bassett, labor,	33.25
Total,	$82.24

North Harwich schoolhouse, (shingling) :	
W. B. Kelley, stock,	$51.64
Shedrach Kelley, labor,	21.25
Shedrach Kelley, paint,	.20
Prince E. Hall, labor,	21.25
	$94.34

Total for both houses, $176.58

(See appropriations on Public Buildings.)

Superintendent's Salary.

Superintendent's salary for the year,	$736.40
To be refunded by State,	613.67
Actual cost of superintendent,	$122.73
Appropriation, $150.00	

Graduation Expenses.

A. P. Goss, programmes,	$12.00
Mrs. Cole, ribbon,	1.69
Total,	$13.69

School Committee's Salaries.

G. N. Munsell,	$48.75
S. A. Hayward,	47.75
W. J. Nickerson,	41.50
Total,	$138.00

Truant Officers' Salaries.

W. H. Bassett,	$5.00
Michael B. Chase,	2.00
Roland F. Smith,	2.00
Total,	$9.00

Supply Agents' Account.

Warren M. Dutton and George N. Munsell to the Town of Harwich:

Dr.

Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1898,	$206.40	
Books and supplies purchased,	458.17—	$664.57

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Books and supplies furnished,	$455.75	
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1899,	208.82—	$664.57

Commission paid to G. N. Munsell, agent, for supplies furnished schools from March 24, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899, on $206 at 10 per cent.,	$20.60

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE N. MUNSELL, Chairman.
SYLVANUS A. HAYWARD, Secretary.

Harwich, Jan. 7, 1899.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

School Committee of Harwich:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit herewith my first annual report upon the condition of the schools of your town.

Although school reports are addressed to the School Committee, I realize that they are really reports to the town's people, and shall treat this as such. I do not consider it proper to recommend for public consideration things to which the attention of your Committee has never been called, therefore I shall not follow certain precedents in making sweeping recommendations for the future, regardless of their feasibility. The first of January is not the only time when a Superintendent should make plans for improving the school system. Whenever there is an opportunity for introducing improvements, I shall do my best to secure their adoption.

The general condition of your schools is very satisfactory. Every teacher is doing her very best work, and is showing an earnestness of purpose which cannot fail to produce good results. One evidence of their zeal is shown by the eagerness with which they adopted my suggestion of a teachers' association. There have been only six absences in the five teachers' meetings which have been held, and three of these were unavoidable. One of the great hindrances to progressive work of our schools is the enforced isolation of our teachers, which tends to deaden their ambition and to cause them to follow a dull routine. The Harwich Teachers' Association will not only counteract the effects of geographical isolation, but will improve and encourage the members by its assistance and support.

In April, the Harwich schools were found to be following the course of study prepared by Supt. Dutton more closely than the majority of other schools in the district, yet the announcement that examinations based upon it would be given at the end of the year, caused a few teachers to more thoroughly acquaint themselves with the amount of work which is outlined for the several grades. Adopting a

course of study and insisting that it be followed, will greatly improve the efficiency of our schools. Great credit is due to Supt. Dutton for its introduction.

With the help of the tests given last June, the pupils were re-graded as well as was possible under the circumstances. This year we shall be able to more accurately determine each pupil's fitness for promotion. Teachers are to give pupils credit for their work every week, and towards the end of the spring term the Superintendent will give examinations based upon the course of study. (See latter part of Harwich School Report for 1897.) The results of these examinations will be combined with the credits of the pupils for their year's work, and by this means their promotion or non-promotion will be determined.

Last year a much needed reform was accomplished by allowing pupils to pass from the Grammar Schools to the High School in the same way that pupils pass from one elementary grade to another. The former special examinations for admission to the High School, taken in unfamiliar surroundings and under confusing circumstances, was abolished. The general ability of the entering class this year is in no way inferior to that of any other class which has been in the school during my acquaintance with it.

It is essential to good schools that pupils should satisfactorily complete the studies of one grade before attempting to struggle with those of a higher grade. Six members of last year's entering class in the High School could not be promoted to the second year class at the end of the year. Four of these returned and are doing excellent work this year. There is no reason why pupils in the High School should not satisfactorily complete the studies of one grade before passing to the next, when this plan is followed in the elementary schools. The wisdom of this requirement is too apparent to need explanation.

During the summer vacation a catalogue of all books and apparatus in the schools and supply-office was prepared, and a hektograph copy of the same placed in the hands of every teacher, in order that she might know the full extent of the resources, and make use of all that was available. This has saved the Town considerable expense by lessening

the purchase of books.

At the end of each week all teachers send to the Superintendent reports upon attendance and such other items as should be called to his attention. The Superintendent returns to them a report which compares and ranks the attendance of all the schools of the district, and also gives such notices or directions as will apply to all the teachers. This plan has been of great assistance in keeping the Superintendent in touch with all the schools and in increasing the interest and relations of the schools to each other.

Teachers have been asked to keep an account of all books used by pupils and to insist that at least the newer books be covered. These requests were made in order that children might feel greater responsibility for the care of town property. The free text-book and supply system, unless carefully supervised by the teachers, may lead to the formation of habits of wastefulness and extravagance.

The public visiting days, which were instituted last December, bid fair to be a success. The fourth Friday of each month is devoted to a review of the work during that month in each study. This furnishes the public an excellent opportunity to see the regular work of the school and to note its progress. Parents in particular are urged to visit the schools. If they would do this, and would talk with the teachers, and with their own senses compare the work of their children with the work of others in the school, our whole educational system would be wonderfully stimulated. I call attention to the small number of visits by parents in comparison to the visits by others, as is shown in the last two columns of the table of school statistics. You may also note that the South Harwich school is an exception to this rule. I believe that no small share of the credit for the excellent condition of this school is due to the influence of the parents.

In the report which I submitted when principal of your High School, it was recommended that an assistant for the High School be engaged, who should also supervise Drawing in the other schools of the town. The demand for an assistant in the High School was imperative, not only on account of a greater number of pupils in the school, but because the new-

ly adopted course of study offers both a three and a four years' course, which greatly increases the number of necessary recitations. Your committee endorsed the plan and Miss Elise H. Carret, a graduate of the Normal Art School, was engaged to fill the two positions. The good results obtained in so short a time are far beyond my expectations. Miss Carret has so conducted the work that it has been not only interesting and inspiring to the pupils, but has shown the practical value of the study. Many of the pupils are deeply interested and are enjoying their school work as never before, while the teachers are relieved of the responsibility for this part of the curriculum which hitherto had caused a number of them so much anxiety.

The design on the cover of this report was drawn by Miss Lucretia Clark of the sixth grade in the Pleasant Lake Mixed School. Although this drawing was selected as being the one best suited to the purpose, there were many others whose excellence entitled them to very careful consideration, and it was a difficult task to decide which design was most worthy of the honor. I hope we may have an exhibition of school work at the end of the year, so that these designs may be exhibited.

So far as statistics of attendance show, there has been only a slight gain during the past year. There would have been a greater gain, had it not been for the new attendance law, which requires that ten consecutive days of absence shall elapse and be counted before a pupil loses membership. This is twice the number of absences that were required by the old law.

There has been a small decrease in the number of tardy marks and dismissals. I hope that pupils, parents, and teachers will endeavor to bring about a greater improvement in the items of attendance, tardiness and dismissal. There is no habit of greater importance to a boy than that of regular and prompt attendance at school. The boy who is irregular in his school attendance would not be highly recommended for his prospects of becoming a man who would be diligent and faithful in business. Notwithstanding the fact that there have been 2377 half-day absences during the fall term, not all of which were excusable; and

notwithstanding the stringent laws regarding attendance, the assistance of the truant officers, who are the proper persons to investigate unnecessary absence, has been solicited only twice. It rests with the teachers to see that there is an improvement in this respect at once. Copies of the new attendance laws were distributed in the schools at the beginning of the fall term, so that pupils and parents should know what is required of them in this direction. I believe that absence should count against promotion, not only because no pupil who is absent can have gained as much as one who has attended school, and therefore is less entitled to promotion, but because if this were done, pupils would realize that absence had a DIRECT effect upon their rank, and in consequence they would be more careful about their attendance.

Last March the School Committee adopted the regulation that "No pupil shall be allowed to enter the schools during the winter or spring terms, unless competent to perform the work being done in some established grade in that school."

The admission of new pupils to the schools at the beginning of the spring term is not only very injurious to the interests of the pupils already in the school, but the new members themselves received very little benefit which is not lost during the long summer vacation which immediately follows.

At the beginning of the spring term Algebra should be introduced into the eighth grade work. The course of study calls for this, and it would have been done last spring but the text-book appropriation would not permit. This change will lessen the "shock" experienced by those who change from Grammar School work to High School work, and will be a valuable supplement to the Arithmetic.

Considering the wages which Harwich pays the school janitors, parents and the general public ought to demand that the buildings and grounds be well and economically cared for. It is essential to the formation of habits of cleanliness and order that the school-room and its environment should be clean and well kept. The building at Harwich Port, cared for by Mr. Joshua D. Allen, is in excellent

order AT ALL TIMES. Mr. William H. Ellis at Pleasant Lake is also taking exceptionally good care of the schoolroom, and two or possibly three others are giving good satisfaction. The condition at the Centre needs no comments from me, as it has in previous years been described in terms which have become historical. We are still privileged to enjoy (?) the same wretchedly poor service.

One might infer from the report of a former Superintendent that the schools were artistically decorated, yet, except in the High School, there are few pictures or decorations worthy of the name. Some schools are striving to remedy this defect and outside assistance has been solicited. The schools are deeply indebted for the gift of fourteen portfolios of Stoddard's beautiful photographs of famous places and pictures (size 8x10) which are excellent, not only for work in History and Geography, but for decorative purposes. I hope the schools may receive from others interested in education a generous supply of illustrated periodicals from which useful pictures may be secured.

It is to be hoped that the appropriation for next year will be sufficient to allow the purchase of some much needed desk-books for the assistance of our teachers. If teachers were supplied with books which offer suggestions and advice regarding the best methods of teaching the required subjects, I believe we should get better results at less expenditure than we would do by an exchange of those textbooks which may have certain unsatisfactory features.

We have been very fortunate this year in the selection of new teachers. Miss Josephine E. Marrs was elected to fill the position at Pleasant Lake. Notwithstanding the fact this school is as large and even more difficult than any other school in town, and also has seven grades, the pupils have made rapid progress under the skillful guidance of Miss Marrs, and reflect great credit upon her earnest and faithful efforts.

Miss Beulah M. Eldridge at East Harwich has been eminently successful thus far in maintaining the excellent standard which the school attained during the three years that Miss Sarah E. Whitlock taught there.

The Harwich Port Grammar School easily ranked first in the district in the tests which were given last June. The average percentage attained in this school on the June examinations was 84.7, or nearly twenty per cent. more than was required for promotion. The excellent scholarship developed in this school was due to the skillful, patient, untiring efforts of Miss Lucia E. Van Dyke, whose qualities as a teacher are superb and unsurpassed. Miss Fannie L. Abbott, who succeeded to this position, has maintained the high scholarship of the school.

Miss Mercy E. Kelley has met with marked and unmistakable success in the West Harwich Grammar School. She has proven herself to be a well-trained and competent instructor, who commands the respect of her pupils by undoubted mastery of every lesson taught, and holds their interest and attention by her appreciation of, and sympathy for, the pupils' efforts.

Mr. Eugene Averell, assisted by Miss Elise H. Carret, is seeking to bring the High School to a high state of perfection. Their reports appear in another part of this volume.

Miss Alta A. Whitlock was unable to resume her duties in the Centre Grammar School at the beginning of the fall term. During her illness the position is being filled by her sister, Miss Sarah E. Whitlock. I hope she will soon favor us again with her services, because she was a teacher prominent by her devotion to the duties of her school, and her willingness and desire to profit by the suggestions of others.

Hyannis has become the Mecca of learning for the teachers in Barnstable County, since the establishment of the Normal School in that village. The opportunities offered at its summer school should not be overlooked by our teachers, some of whom have had no training except that of a very narrow experience. At the summer session of the Normal School one can get regular normal school work, and credit is given for the work done. The tuition is absolutely free, and board, room, and necessary supplies, are furnished at cost. Miss Loena M. Wixon of North Harwich, Miss Selena M. Kerr of South Harwich, and your Superintendent, attended the session last summer and can testify to its efficiency.

There is one recommendation which has not received the full attention of your committee, yet it should be mentioned.

The school at North Harwich has at present twenty-three pupils and is a mixed school of eight grades, having a full share of the disadvantages which this circumstance implies. It costs at least forty-seven (47) dollars per month to maintain the school, besides the cost of repairs and incidentals connected with the building. The cost of the transportation of these children to West Harwich would be much less than this, and the pupils would have the advantages of a graded school system. The West Harwich Schools can easily accommodate the pupils from North Harwich. At present there are twenty-six pupils in the West Primary. The North School would add about thirteen, making a total of thirty-nine. The West Grammar now has twenty-eight pupils, which, with about ten from the North school, would make thirty-eight. The change should not be instituted until the beginning of the fall term, when the number of pupils in the three schools may differ slightly from the above figures, but cannot vary sufficiently to render the plan undesirable. I believe that this union of West and North Harwich would prove beneficial to both schools by making classes larger and increasing the pupils' interest.

The eight members of next year's seventh and eight grades at Pleasant Lake should be transported to the Centre schools when the fall term begins, giving them the advantage of one or two years in a graded school and relieving the teacher at Pleasant Lake of a portion of her burden as was recommended by Supt. Dutton. I believe that the amount saved at North Harwich would pay for the transportation of the children from Pleasant Lake.

The people of Harwich have reason to be proud of their schools, and I trust that parents and tax-payers will do all in their power to still further advance the interests of our educational system.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. H. CHACE, Superintendent.

Jan. 7, 1899.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Seth Howard Chace, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir: In accordance with your request, I submit, at this time, the following report of the High School, for the year 1898. As I have had charge of the school but twelve weeks out of the forty, constituting the school year, the material for a report, is necessarily somewhat more limited than it would have been, had I had charge of it for a full year. The school has been, thus far, a pleasant and harmonious one, not only from the fact, that the pupils have been uniformly courteous, but have also shown a disposition and capacity for work, which, if continued, must place the school, in these respects at least, on a level with many of our city high schools.

The attendance has been unusually good, throughout the past term.

As to the building itself, it is evident, that a coat of paint would make the exterior, much more attractive. The rooms of the school-building are unusually pleasant to work in, and we are fortunate, in having the walls, of our main room, adorned with some unusually fine and well-framed pictures. The laboratory, which has been fitted up as a recitation room and supplied with new chairs and a stove, has proven, in a great measure, satisfactory for that purpose.

The means at hand, for the ventilation of the rooms, are not of the best and it is only with great care that the teachers can secure, what may approach proper ventilation, without endangering the health of the pupils.

The care of the rooms, as regards cleanliness, has not been satisfactory to pupils or teachers. On the other hand, the placing of a small stove in the laboratory and a change of stoves in the large room, together with care in the management of the fires, have made us all comfortable.

As to the equipments of the building, we have, at present, a good library of some two hundred and fifty volumes, and it is part of the required work, that each pupil make use of the books or of those in the Public Library.

The apparatus in the laboratory, though limited in amount, can be made to answer the needs of a good course in Physics, with judicious handling on the part of the teacher, supplemented with good work by the pupil.

The Swedish system of gymnastics has been introduced into the curriculum. The movements are easy and fitted to the needs of the pupil, and make an excellent variation in the regular work of the school.

Drawing has been introduced as part of the regular school course. It has not only been greatly enjoyed by the pupils, but, under the direction of Miss Carret, has opened up to them possibilities of future pleasure and usefulness, of which many did not dream.

It is evident that much of the success of a school, depends upon the interest which parents take in the children, which they send to the school, and I sincerely hope, that the parents of the pupils at the High School, will not only give us their "outside" encouragement, but feel it their duty to encourage both teachers and children, by an occasional visit to the school. In closing, I will say, that the present condition of the school is due, in a great measure, to the patient work and efficient help of the assistant, Miss Elise H. Carret.

Respectfully Submitted,

EUGENE AVERELL,

Harwich, Jan. 7, 1899.

Mr. S. Howard Chace, Superintendent.

Dear Sir: At your request, I submit my report of the work done in Drawing for the last three months. My report will necessarily be limited, for the time, which it covers, is such a small part of the year.

> "Scatter diligently in susceptible minds
> The germs of the good and the beautiful.
> They will develop then to trees, bud, bloom,
> And bear the golden fruit of paradise,"
>
> (Ruskin.)

We educate children to give them, broadly speaking, culture, and by means of Drawing, we gain for them, culture through their powers of observing and comprehending the form of objects.

The object of teaching drawing in our schools is:

I. To develop in the child a true and lasting love for all that is beautiful in Nature. To develop this love to such a degree, that the child will study Nature carefully, minutely, and thus learn her many secrets for himself, not depending on another's eyes and thoughts for his ideas.

II. To develop the child's originality, leading him to create new forms.

III. To give the child such training in Drawing, that he may be enabled to express his feelings and thoughts of whatever he sees or hears.

Nature is so interesting the more we study her—she opens such a store-house of riches to those who seek them.

A child, when properly taught Drawing, in any or all of its branches, sees so much more of the beauty round him. His life is thus much fuller and his pleasures greatly increased.

A child could not be situated in a better place to study Drawing, than in our town of Harwich. Such a wealth and variety of subjects—sea-shore, hills and open country. All the blossoms, flowers, grasses, sprays, and twigs, that one wants, and all for the taking!

As Wordsworth says:

"Nature never did betray
The heart that loved her; 'tis her privilege
Through all the years of this our life, to lead
From joy to joy; for she can so inform
The mind that is within us, so impress
With quietness and beauty, and so feed
With lofty thoughts, that neither evil tongues,
Rash judgments, nor the sneers of selfish men
Shall e'er prevail against us, or disturb
Our cheerful faith that all which we behold
Is full of blessings."

All but one of the schools were visited before the date of the first Teachers' Meeting. At this meeting, the Course in Drawing was fully explained to the teachers.

The course is so planned, that each of the two divisions, into which the grades are divided, has two lessons per week.

In the High School, as the Course of Study is broad, and the time so occupied, each class receives one lesson a week, but extra work is required to be done by each pupil. This extra work takes the place of the second lesson to some degree.

I visit each school, weather permitting, ONCE a week, giving each school a lesson. Some of the schools can only be visited once in two weeks, as the distance to and from them is so great.

The work has been, thus far, most satisfactory. The great interest which teachers and pupils have alike shown, is responsible for the good results obtained. The work has called for many grasses, sprays, twigs, etc., and they are ALWAYS forthcoming. The children are enthusiastic collectors.

In regard to the design for the cover of the Town Report, there were many competitors, three hundred and sixteen drawings having been submitted. I think the children of the town deserve great credit for their interest and hard work.

The committee, who judged the drawings, was as follows: Mr. Darius M. Nickerson, Jr., Mr. Ambrose N. Doane, Supt. S. Howard Chace, Elise H. Carret, Supervisor.

In judging these drawings, the points carefully considered were: (1) The suitability of the design for the purpose intended. (2) The age and grade of the pupil. (3) The relative merits of all the designs.

From the number of drawings submitted, seventeen designs made by the following pupils were selected: Imogen H. Small, Bessie L. Bearse, Essie L. Bearse (2), Viola F. Chase, Arthur E. Nickerson, Mary D. Hentz, Carrie Sayles (2), G. LeRoy Weekes, Florence Larkin, Eliza Bearse, Walter Baker, Clifton Ginn, Lucretia Clark (2), Emylla Cahoon.

From this number, the drawings made by Bessie L. Bearse, Essie L. Bearse, Walter Baker, Lucretia Clark (2) were voted upon and one of the drawings made by Lucretia Clark of Pleasant Lake was finally chosen.

The children in all parts of the town took part in the contest, which was a remarkably close one.

It has been a great pleasure to visit the schools, and I found in one school that the children were raising peas, corn and several other plants, especially to draw during the winter. In another school, several pupils have done extra work at home and in their spare time, thus showing me their interest in the work.

In order to make the work PERFECTLY SUCCESSFUL in ALL respects, there should be some means provided for the Supervisor to visit schools in stormy and extremely cold weather. A bicycle can be used to good advantage on all but stormy days, when it is then useless. If means could be provided, the Supervisor would be able to give ALL lessons as scheduled and not have to postpone any on account of inclement weather. The work would thus gain.

Respectfully,

ELISE H. CARRET, Supervisor.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified.

High School.

Winter Term—Orwell S. Crosby, John H. Paine, George L. Small.

Spring Term—Bessie L. Bearse, Essie L. Bearse, John H. Paine, George L. Small, Imogen H. Small, Mary E. Smith, Susie G. Smith.

Fall Term—George L. Small, Wilbur E. Stokes.

Year—George L. Small.

Centre Grammar.

Winter Term—Eliza Bearse, Viola Chase, Arthur Doane, Charlie Ellis, Claude Hamer, Bertha Paine, Sophia Van Amringe.

Spring Term—Estelle Baker, Eliza Bearse, Viola Chase, Arthur Doane, Charlie Ellis, Claude Hamer, Bertha Paine.

Fall Term—Edgar Bassett, Eliza Bearse, Charlie Ellis, Susie Gage, Willie D. Sullivan.

Year—Eliza Bearse, Charles Ellis, *William D. Sullivan, *Susan H. Gage.

Port Grammar.

Winter Term—Eva Allen, Cecil Eldridge, Robert Megathlin, Lina Mayo, Earle Phillips, Abbie Small, Norwell Smalley, Norwood Tuttle, Fred Clark.

Spring Term—Phineas Baker, Ethel Ellis, Albert Kelley, Muriel Megathlin, Robert Megathlin, Lina Mayo, Wilbur Stokes, William Willson, Hubbard Willson, Harold Willson.

Fall Term—Ethel Allen, Eva Allen, Freeman Doane, Ida Eldredge, Albert Kelley, Zadella Kelley, Muriel Megathlin, Robert Megathlin, Lina Mayo, Norwood Tuttle.

Year—Lina Mayo, Robert Megathlin.

West Grammar.

Winter Term—Walter M. Chase, Tryphenia Lothrop, Benjamin Kendrick, John B. Ellis.

Spring Term—John B. Ellis.

Fall Term—Eva B. Wixon.

Year—*Eva B. Wixon.

Centre Intermediate.

Winter Term—Bessie A. Nickerson, Ethel F. Bassett, Florence A. Nickerson, William D. Sullivan, Joseph E. Hamer, Ethel C. Lee, Susan H. Gage.

Spring Term—Minnie Van Amringe, Susan H. Gage, Florence A. Larkin, Ethel C. Lee, Edgar F. Bassett, Jr., William D. Sullivan, Harold Ellis, Florence A. Nickerson, Edith Chase, Ethel F. Bassett.

Fall Term—Joseph T. Howes, Florence A. Nickerson, Ethel F. Bassett, Leo I. Bassett, Bessie A. Nickerson, James Sullivan, Lois Van Amringe, Maude F. Baker, Ida Hoxie, Huldah Nickerson, Hattie Ellis, Curtis Chase.

Year—Florence A. Nickerson, Ethel F. Bassett, *Curtis Chase, *Maude F. Baker, *James Sullivan.

Centre Primary.

Winter Term—Maude F. Baker, Marie A. Baker, Lettie C. Weekes, James Sullivan, Curtis D. Chase, Hope Chase, Arthur Hogan, Ray Bassett, Harold Robbins.

Spring Term—Maude F. Baker, Lettie C. Weekes, James Sullivan, Curtis D. Chase, LeRoy Gage, Fred L. Chase, Hope L. Chase, Arthur Hogan, Harold Robbins.

Fall Term—LeRoy Gage, Arthur Hogan, Harold Robbins, Johnnie McKedney.

Year—Arthur Hogan, Harold Robbins.

Port Primary.

Winter Term—Edith W. Baker, Robert G. Blackinton, Urban Eldridge, Nellie Small, Ralph Snow, Roy Clark.

Spring Term—Edith Baker, Nellie Small, Ralph Snow.

Fall Term—Edith Baker, Annie C. Baker, Leon Doane, Robert Blackinton, Rollo Eldridge, Flossie C. Hulse, Bernard Kelley.

Year—Edith W. Baker.

West Primary.

Winter Term—Abbie M. Ellis, Eva B. Wixon, David Cummings, Clara Raymond, Charles Kendrick, George Wixon.

Spring Term—Abbie M. Ellis, Clara B. Raymond, Eva B. Wixon, David Cummings, Richie Cummings, Wallace Simmons, George F. Wixon.

Fall Term—Beatrice L. Chase, Clarence Berry, David Cummings.

Year—David Cummings.

North Mixed.

Winter Term—Ina A. Chase, Clarence L. Taylor.

Spring Term—Ina A. Chase, Clarence L. Taylor, Viola M. Hall.

Fall Term—Ina A. Chase, Milton Gray, Eddie E. Hall, Alton P. Hall, Blanche M. Ryder, Nellie S. Rogers, Arthur Rogers.

Year—Ina A. Chase.

Pleasant Lake Mixed.

Winter Term—Millie E. Bassett, Lizzie M. Bassett, Effie M. Bassett, Mildred A. Thomas.

Fall Term—E. Emylla Cahoon, Charles L. Nichols, Millie E. Bassett, Effie M. Bassett, Valmer H. Bassett, Wilbur Crowell.

East Mixed.

Winter Term—Neta Eldridge, Burton Eldridge, Alice Emery, Viola Emery, Nellie Emery, Millie Higgins, Thomas Kenney, Lloyd Nickerson, Kate Nickerson.

Spring Term—Neta Eldridge, Thomas Kenney, Kate Nickerson.

Fall Term—Millie Higgins, Thomas Kenney, Lloyd Nickerson.

Year—Thomas Kenney.

South Mixed.

Winter Term—Blanche Bearse, Leroy Cahoon, Agatha Eldredge, Bernard Kendrick, Bernice Sears, Lura Stokes, Charles Smith, Dallas Smith, Gerald Smith, Bennie Walker.

Spring Term—Blanche Bearse, Leroy Cahoon, Jamie Chase, Clyde Chase, Earle Eldredge, Agatha Eldredge, Bernard Kendrick, Maude Sears, Bernice Sears, Gerald Smith, Dallas Smith, Lura Stokes, Tommie Taylor.

Fall Term—Blanche Bearse, Leroy Cahoon, Bernice Chase, Jamie Chase, Bernice Sears, Earle Eldredge, Agatha Eldredge, Bernard Kendrick, Dallas Smith, Charles Smith, Tommie Taylor, Bennie Walker.

Year—Blanche Bearse, Leroy Cahoon, Agatha Eldredge, Bernard Kendrick, Bernice Sears, Dallas Smith.

Bernice Sears has been neither absent nor tardy since she entered school—thirteen successive terms.

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* Member of another school in winter and spring terms.

TEACHERS.

The following teachers are now employed in the Harwich schools:

Mr. Eugene Averell, A. B.,	Principal of High School
Miss Elise H. Carret,	Supervisor of Drawing, and Assistant in High School
Miss Sarah E. Whitlock,	Harwich Centre Grammar
Miss Tamson D. Eldredge,	Harwich Centre Intermediate
Miss Minerva A. Bearse,	Harwich Centre Primary
Miss Loena M. Wixon,	North Harwich Mixed
Miss Josephine E. Marrs,	Pleasant Lake Mixed
Miss Beulah M. Eldridge,	East Harwich Mixed
Miss Selena M. Kerr,	South Harwich Mixed
Miss Fannie L. Abbott,	Harwich Port Grammar
Miss Marguerite L. Sumner,	Harwich Port Primary
Miss Mercy E. Kelley,	West Harwich Grammar
Mrs. Helen R. Ellis,	West Harwich Primary

JANITORS.

Mr. Miron Rogers,	Harwich Centre
Mr. Benjamin F. Hall,	North Harwich
Mr. William H. Ellis,	Pleasant Lake
Mr. Alpheus Doane,	East Harwich
Mr. Elisha Doane,	South Harwich
Mr. Joseph Ashley,	West Harwich
Mr. Joshua D. Allen,	Harwich Port

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Mr. Wm. H. Bassett,	Harwich Centre
Mr. Roland Smith,	North Harwich
Mr. Prince A. Atkins,	Pleasant Lake
Mr. Ziba Cahoon,	East Harwich
Mr. Darius F. Weekes,	South Harwich
Mr. F. E. Burgess,	Harwich Port
Mr. Michael B. Chase,	West Harwich

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

Class of '98.

Classical Course.	Josephine Remington Baker,
	Alexcena Berry,
	Nora May Eldredge,
	Vira Christine Nickerson,
	Bertha Lewis Phillips,
	Nannie Mayo Tobey.
English Course.	Herbert Ross Cahoon,
	Gladys Lillian Hentz,
	Inez May Shaw.

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE, 1898.

Name of School	Term	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percentage of Attendance	Half Day Absences	Tardy Marks	Dismissals	Visits by Superintendent	Visits by Committee	Visits by Parents	Visits by Others
HIGH SCHOOL	Winter	29	28.26	23.74	83.29	218	45	1	9	4	7	23
	Spring	29	28.15	25.53	90.69	492	46	11	4	1	3	18
	Fall	36	35.33	34	96.09	160	27	11	7	5	10	38
	Year	31	30.58	27.75	90.02	870	118	23	20	10	20	79
CENTRE GRAMMAR	Winter	26	25.13	23.54	93.67	190	10	29	1	3	6	32
	Spring	25	23.9	21.56	91.58	270	11	33	4	1	2	6
	Fall	26	25.16	23.66	94.03	105	53	9	4	1	5	5
	Year	26	24.73	22.92	93.09	565	74	71	9	5	13	43
PORT GRAMMAR	Winter	28	26.71	25.32	94.79	205	6	6	4	3	4	18
	Spring	32	28.57	26.53	92.86	249	8	15	5	0	14	29
	Fall	26	25.03	23.84	95.25	95	7	10	5	1	10	22
	Year	40	26.77	25.23	94.3	549	21	31	14	4	28	69
WEST GRAMMAR	Winter	24	23.38	21.46	91.78	126	12	22	2	2	3	9
	Spring	24	21.55	19.71	91.46	191	49	36	4	1	7	15
	Fall	28	26.60	24.68	92.78	195	36	28	4	2	6	37
	Year	26	23.84	21.95	92	512	97	86	10	5	16	61
CENTRE INTERMEDIATE	Winter	29	27.75	26.74	96.5	108	11	3	4	4	6	34
	Spring	29	28	27.7	98.9	60	12	12	5	1	6	26
	Fall	29	28	27.38	97.9	68	5	0	4	1	4	13
	Year	29	27.92	27.27	97.77	236	28	15	13	6	16	73
CENTRE PRIMARY	Winter	35	33.58	29.06	86.53	458	80	6	2	2	5	22
	Spring	38	35.7	31.80	89.06	480	90	0	4	2	10	10
	Fall	45	41.90	38.79	92.5	444	32	8	7	2	4	10
	Year	54	37.06	33.21	89.36	1382	202	14	13	6	19	42
PORT PRIMARY	Winter	20	19.41	17.98	92.63	174	8	8	3	2	7	10
	Spring	25	23.99	22.195	92.48	242	3	6	4	0	13	31
	Fall	17	17	15.55	91.47	218	8	3	5	1	5	6
	Year	26	20.13	18.575	92.19	634	19	17	12	3	25	47
WEST PRIMARY	Winter	27	25.96	24.59	94.45	154	22	2	3	3	13	23
	Spring	33	31.08	29.9	96.20	156	32	14	4	1	25	30
	Fall	27	25.73	24.81	96.42	122	12	5	4	1	9	38
	Year	37	27.59	26.43	95.69	462	66	21	11	5	47	91
NORTH MIXED	Winter	29	25.16	18.2	72.33	440	16	38	5	2	8	7
	Spring	22	21.28	15.32	71.99	410	5	29	7	1	9	14
	Fall	26	23.71	21.28	89.75	156	6	13	7	1	1	6
	Year	34	23.38	18.26	78.02	1006	27	80	19	4	18	27
PLEASANT LAKE MIXED	Winter	43	41	31.7	77.3	1711	68	15	4	0	5	11
	Spring	38	35	25.9	71.1	623	92	11	4	1	4	17
	Fall	45	39.5	33.9	85.9	512	31	8	10	1	12	21
	Year	46	38.5	30.5	80.1	2846	191	34	18	2	21	49
EAST MIXED	Winter	27	25.3	23.4	92.5	212	21	2	1	1	7	8
	Spring	26	25.2	23	91.3	262	45	5	4	2	1	50
	Fall	28	26.2	23.6	90	302	6	2	4	2	5	9
	Year	28	25.5	23.3	91.2	776	72	9	9	5	13	67
SOUTH MIXED	Winter	26	22.83	22.2	97.27	73	67	8	5	2	21	13
	Spring	23	22.2	21.73	97.88	38	25	15	5	2	21	12
	Fall	23	23	22.73	98.82	27	28	20	5	1	15	3
	Year	26	22.67	22.22	97.99	138	120	43	15	5	57	28
ALL SCHOOLS	Winter	341	324.39	287.93	89.42	4099	366	140	43	28	92	210
	Spring	344	324.62	298.475	89.625	3473	418	187	54	13	115	258
	Fall	356	337.16	314.22	93.41	2377	251	117	66	19	86	208
	Year	403	328.72	300.21	90.81	9949	1035	444	163	60	293	676

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1899.

School	Winter Term.		Spring Term.		Fall Term.	
	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
High	Jan. 2.	Mar. 31.	Apr. 10.	July 21.	Oct. 2.	Dec. 22.
All Others	Jan. 2.	Mar. 24.	Apr. 10.	June 30.	Oct. 16.	Dec. 22.

There will be a vacation of one week after the close of the fall term.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

Town of Harwich, 1899.

BARNSTABLE SS.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF HARWICH, IN SAID COUNTY, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Harwich, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at Exchange Hall, in said Harwich, on Monday, the sixth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one School Committee, two Collectors of Taxes, three Road Commissioners (if the town so votes), one or more Constables, one or more Auditors, one or more Herring Committee, and all other necessary town officers and committees.

Article 3. To hear the reports of all town officers, committees and special committees, and act fully thereon.

Article 4. To determine the rate per cent. to be paid the Tax Collectors for collecting taxes for the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to pay 3 per cent. for collection of taxes for the ensuing year, and act fully thereon. (By request.)

Article 6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and act fully thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to elect three Road Commissioners—one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 332 of Chapter 548, Acts of 1898, and elect one Highway Surveyor for the ensuing year.

Article 10, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors? Vote yes or no.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the suppression of crime.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to lease the herring fishery of Herring River for a term of 5 years, and act fully thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 335, Chapter 548, Acts of 1898, which provides for the election of Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the term of three years, the same to go into effect at the next annual town meeting.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to consider some plan for providing a permanent place for holding town meetings and other public assemblies, said committee to serve without pay and to make a report of their doings at the next annual town meeting.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair and extend the jetty at Salt Water Pond in Harwich Port for the interest of public health and the preservation of the shell fisheries of said pond, and to act fully thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the use of the Broadbrooks Library Association to aid in the maintenance of a public library in Harwich.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars to lower the grade of the hill on Bank street, known as "James Moody's hill."

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty dollars to be expended in repairing the road (not town road) leading from the house of George C. Doane, South Harwich, to the homestead of Chas. O. Tuttle. (By request.)

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road, as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Elisha H. Bearse's, S. E. corner of his premises, to the S. E. corner of Ezekiel Nickerson's homestead, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to take any action in maintaining the north approach to Wading Place Bridge at East Harwich, and act fully thereon.

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Article 22. To see if the Town will take any action to control and protect the shell fisheries of Herring River, and to prohibit non-residents from taking shell fish from the flats and waters of said river. (By request.)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to incorporate into the Annual Town Report the proceedings of the previous annual town meeting, and of special town meetings held during the year.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at each post office in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. The polls will open at nine o'clock A. M., and may close at one o'clock P. M. Hereof, fail not, and make due returns of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of January, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

D. M. NICKERSON, Jr.,
DAVID L. SMALL,
AMBROSE N. DOANE,
Selectmen of Harwich.